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THURSDAY, MAY 24TH, 2012

## A moment of history! Barry welcomes the Olympic Flame

THIS Saturday, May 26, the streets of Barry are likely to be packed with spectators welcoming the Olympic Torch Relay.

The Olympic flame was flown from Greece to the United Kingdom last week and started its 70 day, 8,000 mile journey round England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland on May 19.

Day 8 sees it arrive in Dinas Powys. Local residents, nominated for sporting or community achievements, are to be honoured with the chance to run with 'The Eternal Flame'.

**REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN**

It starts its journey from Eastbrook Station in Dinas Powys at 7am and will make the short, 10-minute journey to the train station on the other side of the village.

It then restarts on Cardiff Road in Barry, at the junction with Palmerston Road at 7.16am.

Paul Haley the chairman of Pride in Barry, said it would be a red letter day for the town.

"It is a once in a lifetime opportunity for Barry to play a part in the Olympics and see the Olympic Torch paraded through our town."

I hope it is just the start of Barry's association with the 2012 Olympics, as I hope it is a good luck omen for local Olympic swimmer David Davies to add a gold medal to his bronze in 2004 and silver in 2008.

David has already qualified for the Olympic 1,500m and could qualify for the 'open water' event in June.

The flame makes its way up Holton Road and along Broad Street, to Barry Island for a loop of the resort, before returning to the town centre.

The runners will head uphill toward Park Crescent, Jenner Road and Colcot Road before finishing the Barry stage on Port Road East at around 8.50am.

It will then make a short stop in the car park at the Tesco store, Culverhouse Cross at approximately 8.59am, and will be there for around 10 to 15 minutes.

Rolling roadblocks will be operated as the torchbearers make their way through towns, meaning that any inconvenience and disruption for businesses and residents will be kept to a minimum.

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## There is nothing like a Dame!



LEFT: British Paralympic legend, Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson, who was born in Cardiff, shared her athletic knowledge with excited Evenlode pupils. For the full story, turn to page 5.

## Rhoose shopkeepers claim: 'WE ARE THE VALE'S FORGOTTEN VILLAGE'

by TIM CHAPMAN

'The forgotten village' - that's how some traders believe Rhoose has been regarded by successive Vale Councils.

In recent years, Barry has benefited from £9m in regeneration funds, and Holton Road and Thompson Street have seen major facelifts.

Llantwit Major has also seen £300,000 worth of improvements to its retail area dubbed 'The Boverton Road Regeneration Scheme'.

But many people in Rhoose point out that their modest shopping centre has been neglected for decades.

Rob Barrett, the local butcher, told The GEM: "We are the forgotten people and have been overlooked for years. We need some action to regenerate the area."

Local business people believe resurfacing or repaving the walking areas, and creating pull-ins would be a positive start.

Mr Barrett said the Vale Council could have done more in the shopping area of the village.

He explained that a double bin for collecting litter had been replaced by a single bin and requests from businesses for extra refuse collections to keep the area tidy had fallen on deaf ears.

Mr Barrett emphasised that although he owned a small part of the pavement, he would be happy for the council to adopt it if upgrading work was carried out.

Lester Aldred, who owns the Premier Stores, claimed: "I can't remember the last time they spent money here."

"Donkeys years ago they put a 'quick slurry' on the top of the pavement. Since then, the area has been neglected."

Mr Aldred said that when Rhoose Point was built, there had been a lot of talk about more facilities - and even a golf course - which had not materialised.

He pointed out the irony that while the pavements alongside the shops remained in a shoddy condition, a

pavement/cycle track had been constructed out in the countryside, along the perimeter of the airport!

Glenys Watson offers a warm welcome to locals, walkers and passing tourists in Coffee Time.

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## Call for a 'Living Wage' in Wales

**I**AM writing to ask your readers to support Save the Children's campaign for a Living Wage for Wales.

We launched this campaign because the young people we work with told us that they were more concerned about finding well-paid employment when they grow up, than any other issue.

These Welsh young people told us about the daily struggles they see their friends' parents encountering because of low household incomes, and spoke of their own worries about finding a decent wage to live on when they are older.

At Save the Children, we believe we can do

better for our children and their families. That is why we are calling upon First Minister Carwyn Jones and the Welsh Government to lead and support a campaign to make a living wage of £7.20 the norm across Wales.

Save the Children believes Wales should turn its back on poverty pay and offer a better deal to its young people, and we want the Welsh Government to lead the way.

The campaign has raised a petition on the National Assembly website, [www.assembly-wales.org](http://www.assembly-wales.org)

Just search for petitions and then Living Wage.

James Pritchard, Head of Wales Save the Children, Cardiff.

## ARE WE BOUND FOR UK-USA?

**A**S an OAP, I was wondering if we are losing our Britishness? Recently, my wife went into a well-known shop that caters mainly for women's clothes.

The shop's tannoy announced, "Listen up, guys," then told customers about discounts, etc.

Even shop girls address my wife and I as "you guys". We have

'wedding bands', 'slam dunk' and many more expressions, but worst of all, is 'high fives'.

Even on the telly they are saying 'guys'. What's wrong with 'men', instead of guys?

The mind boggles about what it's going to be like in 20 years' time.

Will this country become UK-USA? W James, Barry.

## Support our local charity!

**I**WOULD like to remind older people living in the Vale of the local charity, Age Concern Cardiff & The Vale.

The cafe and information centre based at The Senior Health Shop, in Holton Road, Barry, has been serving the local community for 21 years.

It is now looking forward to a refurbishment, thanks to a generous grant from The Vale Council, as well as a grant from Barry Rotary Club and the fundraising events that the volunteers work so hard for.

The Senior Health Shop is open from Monday to Friday. You can have a drink and a snack at a very reason-

able price in a friendly environment. You can enjoy Stitch and Bitch on a Monday morning, or an extend class on a Wednesday morning with Alana.

The shop also hosts a fortnightly welfare rights surgery on a Tuesday morning and a monthly tax advice surgery.

There is a wide range of health and topics of interest arranged.

Age Concern Cardiff and The Vale also offer good neighbour projects in Barry and Llantwit, a rights service, advocacy service, hospital discharge service, nail cutting service and advantage project.

Let's support our local independent charity! Gay Fifield, Barry

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## Readers' Letters

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## 'Welsh Government should give support to local economy'

**I**WRITE in response to Jane Hutt AM's column in a recent issue of The GEM in which she referred to the Vale as a "vital county for economic opportunity, supported by the Welsh Government."

Of course, I welcome the news of new jobs in St Athan; and we repeatedly pressed the Assembly Government to implement Enterprise Zones in Wales, following their introduction in England by the Westminster Coalition.

However, I am unconvinced that the Welsh Labour Government has been anywhere near supportive enough to the economic needs of the Vale.

In fact, I was appalled to discover last week that there isn't a single Government office or facility of more than five employees in the Vale of Glamorgan.

When I asked the same question this time

## Award for Good Citizenship 2012

**C**OWBRIDGE Town Council has long been aware that there are a number of people within the community, who make a substantial voluntary contribution, which enhances the quality of life of individuals and/or the community.

Although some individuals and family groups may have shown their appreciation for this quality support, the Town Council feels that there should be public recognition of such voluntary efforts. This is the 10th year for the Award for Good Citizenship to be made since its conception in 2003.

Any group or individual living within the area served by the Town Council can nominate a person(s) for the award, which takes the form of

a certificate and will be presented to the recipient by the Mayor on a date and at a place to be decided upon.

Nominations are now invited for this year's award and forms are available from the Town Clerk's Office during office hours (Monday to Friday, 9am-1pm) or via email enquiries@cowbridge-tc.gov.uk and the closing date for their return is Friday, June 8 (1pm).

Nomination forms should give a brief outline about the person(s) being nominated and the person(s) nominated may live outside the area, provided that the voluntary work carried out is within the area.

The council welcomes completed applications from all age groups. A Davies, Town Clerk, Cowbridge.

## Thank you to Baruc

**T**O the good people of Baruc ward, Barry, on behalf of the Labour team, I would like to thank everyone who 'kept the faith' and voted for us.

May I also thank the non-supporters who were most gracious on the doorstep. Julie Aviet-Frassinelli, Barry.

last year, the answer was exactly the same. I guess that shows just how "vital" the Vale is, and how well supported we are by this Welsh Government.

Most surprising though, was Ms Hutt's gushing praise of the First Minister's setting up of a 'Task Force' to look at the future of Cardiff Airport.

Having spent recent months publicly criticising the airport and its owners, it is high time we saw some constructive engagement from the First Minister.

If the First Minister truly believes that "Cardiff Airport is integral to the fabric of our national infrastructure," then perhaps he should stop encouraging people not to use it. Andrew RT Davies, AM for South Wales Central and leader of the Conservative Group in the Assembly.

## Teaching lesson?

**I**WAS surprised to read (in The GEM) about the Bridgend teacher admitting to having difficulty in being able to synchronise her children's care with their school holidays.

What with teachers' numerous basic holidays, inset days, and the odd day off on strike, perhaps now she understands how we mere mortals feel. (Name and address supplied)

## Why do we pay so much for water?

**W**E hear a lot today about the high price of electricity and gas, and the millions of pounds these people are making, but has anybody thought about water?

I live in a one-bed council flat. My water and sewage charges are approximately 33 per cent higher than the energy companies, so why is this, I ask myself?

Gas and electricity are

## Buttrills thanked

**T**HROUGH your columns, may I please thank those members of the Buttrills electorate who took the time to vote for me when I stood as an independent for the Barry Town Council?

Unfortunately, it is now a matter of history that I failed in my quest, but thank you for your support and faith in me. A few people asked why I did not stand for the Vale Council.

There are two reasons: I served 14 years on the Vale, when I represented the then socialist Labour Party, and it is a closed chapter. Secondly, I have time for the town council but not the Vale, as I am carrying out extensive research for my PhD. Christopher Short, Barry.

## 'Give the small business a break'

**W**ITH reference to the article 'supermarket garden' in The GEM on April 26, I personally think it is wrong to sell garden products near a food store which contains weed killer and other chemicals.

I have nothing against Morrisons, but I think it is wrong to push out small business people trying to make an honest living.

My wife and myself have shopped with them

every week since they came to Barry and found them very helpful, but please stay with food!

Why do planners allow all these supermarkets to be built? They are killing off the local traders.

I have heard it said, "let's go to Barry and browse around the shops" - but in years to come, there won't be a shop to browse in, so bang go your tourists.

Holton Road, Barry has many shops that are boarded up - so please think again! (Name and address supplied)

## Cost-cutting lesson from the Titanic

**I**N response to your correspondent, Mr James Tuttle, and with due respect to his qualifications, it is a recorded fact that Titanic was built using iron rivets known to be inferior to steel rivets which were then available.

This fact was known to the bosses of the White Star Line when commissioning the Titanic, and it was one of the deliberate deci-

sions taken to cut corners to save costs. No one questions this anymore.

Indeed, scientific investigators, with at least the qualifications and experience of Mr Tuttle, from then until now have established that to be a fact.

Hence, Mr Tuttle's arguments are somewhat inaccurate and, in view of his qualifications, he appears surprisingly out of his depth. Marc Delaney, Barry.

## 'READY TO TAKE UP THE ISSUES'

**I**WOULD like to thank the residents of Sully, Lavernock and Cosmeston for their support and faith in electing me as one of the two new councillors to represent their ward on the Vale Council for the next five years.

Currently undergoing an induction process into the workings and processes of our local

government, I will immediately be seeking clarification and action on the issues that I was elected to address on behalf of the Sully ward, as soon as the new ruling administration has been announced.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time if you feel that I may be able to help you.

Coun Kevin Mahoney, Sully, Lavernock and Cosmeston

## HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL MAY 31)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.

| DATE    | Time AM | Ht M | Time PM | Ht M |
|---------|---------|------|---------|------|
| 24 Thur | 09.12   | 8.9  | 21.25   | 9.1  |
| 25 Fri  | 09.46   | 8.8  | 22.02   | 8.9  |
| 26 Sat  | 10.24   | 8.6  | 22.45   | 8.6  |
| 27 Sun  | 11.11   | 8.4  | 23.31   | 8.4  |
| 28 Mon  | 11.58   | 8.2  |         |      |
| 29 Tues | 00.23   | 8.3  | 13.03   | 8.0  |
| 30 Wed  | 01.31   | 8.3  | 14.14   | 8.1  |
| 31 Thur | 02.41   | 8.5  | 15.24   | 8.4  |

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## Refurbished community centre opened... Now Castleland has a 'jewel in the heart of Barry'



Sir Adrian Webb (centre) officially cuts the ribbon, with (left to right) COUNS Pamela Drake and Chris Elmore, Vale AM, Jane Hutt, local residents Tyler Shier and Janet Lockwood, Eileen Moore, the chairman of Castleland Community Centre, and the Leader of the Vale Council, Coun Neil Moore.

### CASTLELAND Executive Group welcomed Sir Adrian Webb, the new chair of Big Lottery Fund in Wales, as a keynote speaker to the official re-opening of the local communi- ty centre.

The other guest speakers included the Vale AM, Jane Hutt, Janet Lockwood, a local resident and a member of the Castleland executive group, and Tyler Shier, a young user group member and also a resident of the area.

A Big Lottery grant of £496,741 enabled the work to go ahead in the months leading up to Christmas.

Sir Adrian Webb, of Big Lottery Fund, told the assembled guests and residents:

"We have nearly half of all the money raised for good causes, and what do we spend it on?"

"Our role is to spend it on ways which will help children and young

people, things that will help older people, and things that will help the most disadvantaged people and communities in Wales."

Following the speeches, Sir Adrian cut the ribbon and praised the achievements of the Castleland Community Association and drop-in centre team, all of whom are volunteers. Jane Hutt told the GEM: "Although this is a refurbishment of the old centre, the work done with a Big Lottery grant has had a dramatic impact on the facilities provided – and is an excellent example of what can be achieved with good design and project management."

"I congratulate all those who have played their part to make this happen, as this new Castleland Community Centre is now a jewel in the heart of Barry and will open up new opportunities for the local community and the town as a whole."

"I am delighted that £20,000 was awarded

by the Barry Regeneration Board towards the completion of the project."

The other invited guests included newly re-elected local ward councillors Chris Elmore and Pamela Drake, and the new Leader of the new Vale Council, Coun Neil Moore.

Following the speeches and official opening, the centre opened its doors to the public for a free buffet and lunch (kindly provided by COUNS Chris Elmore and Pamela Drake).

There was also enter-

tainment provided free of charge by local children's entertainment company Jungle Jacks.

People were also allowed to freely roam the new centre to see how it had been transformed.

Shirley Thompson, a local resident, commented:

"Well done to all at Castleland and the drop in centre. It is fabulous and I'm so glad you all stuck at it."

(More pictures of the event will be published next week).

## Bag with items taken from cemetery is left outside offices

BARRY Town Council has issued a 'thank you' to visitors of Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery for being extra vigilant and reporting any objects missing from graves to the council offices.

The cemetery has suffered a number of thefts in recent months and recently appealed to people who see anything suspicious to either contact the council or the police. A council spokeswoman added: "Since the last appeal for

information was published, a mysterious green bag full of solar lamps, ornaments and other items was left outside the offices at the cemetery."

The town council says it is keen to return the objects to their rightful owners.

The spokeswoman added: "We are asking members of the public who have been affected by thefts at the cemetery to speak to a member of staff who will be able to confirm whether their missing items are among those returned."

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## Town Council looks for Best Dressed House!

BARRY Town Council has announced that they will be holding a 'Best Dressed House Competition' to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee next month.

Residents of the town are being asked to embrace the spirit of the Jubilee by decorating their houses to mark this historic event.

The competition is open to all Barry residents and will be judged

by the Mayor of Barry, Coun Les Sword along with the Deputy Mayor of Barry, Councillor Claire Curtis.

Houses will be judged on June 4 and June 5.

The 'Best Dressed Houses' will win a cash prize of £300 for first place, £200 for second place and £100 for third place.

If you would like your house to be considered in this competition, please contact Barry Town Council offices on (01446) 704920 or email info@barrytowncouncil.gov.uk to register.

## WHAT'S ON – in brief

**Jubilee fayre**  
ON Thursday, May 31 at 3.30pm, All Saints Church in Wales Primary School is holding a Jubilee fayre.

There will be stalls, attractions and refreshments. Come along and join in the fun.

**Flood risk meeting**

WORK is due to start in the summer on a Council scheme to reduce flood risk in the Coldbrook catchment of Barry.

To raise awareness of the scheme and explain

how the community can reduce the consequences of flooding on May 31 at Oakfield Primary School, Amroth Court, Caldy Close, Barry, residents and businesses in the Dyfan, Gibbonsdown, Court and Cadoc wards are invited to meet the project team from 3.30pm.

See website www.coldbrookflood.co.uk or sign up to a text alert service by texting 'Flood' to 60066.

**Wenvoe sale**  
WENVOE WI holds a spring table-top sale at the Community Centre, Wenvoe on June 9 from 10am.

## Stolen meat suspects sought by the police

POLICE are hunting two suspects, after meat was taken from Sainsbury's in Penarth and Budgens in Dinas Powys.

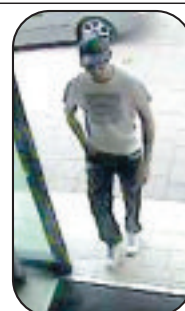
They said the first theft occurred on Sunday, May 6, when a man stole over £200 worth of meat from Budgens in Dinas Powys.

He is described as white, with cropped hair, carrying a large black bag and wearing black bottoms, black trainers and a grey and white t-shirt.

In a separate incident on Friday, May 18, a man fled from Sainsbury's on Windsor Road, Penarth, with £58.60 worth of stolen steak.

He is described as white, wearing a black baseball hat, white t-shirt, white trainers and dark blue jeans.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Penarth Police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.



CCTV image of the Sainsbury's suspect



CCTV image of the Budgens suspect

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The boys stayed at Club Aire Libre and were treated to a purpose-built complex with training facilities that most professional clubs would be envious of.

They sampled the local delicacies at meal times, made good use of

the swimming pool and joined Spanish teams staying at the resort to experience the passion generated supporting Barcelona and Real Madrid.

The squad played games against St Eugenia and Vilablareix schools and a Sant Feliu club side.

Although the results didn't go our way, the boys performed to a high standard and gained first-hand knowledge and understanding of the Spanish philosophy on football.

The highlight of the trip was the visit to the Nou Camp, which provided a lot of excitement and an insight into arguably the world's most famous club side.



Posing on the balcony at Club Aire Libre.

ment and an insight into arguably the world's most famous club side.

The students visited the interactive museum, were able to see memorabilia from past players such as Rivaldo, Maradona and Stoichkov, and there were also plenty of Lionel Messi items to marvel at.

The boys then visited the changing rooms, the media centre, the enormous club shop and walked up the steps onto the pitch side, just like their idols!

The students returned home absolutely exhausted, but having had an unforgettable experience that will stay with them forever.

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## The Barry Scouts take to the water!

**SCOUT** groups from Barry and the Barry Sea Cadets recently got together to provide a great day on the waters of Barry Dock for Scouts from Penarth.

On offer was kayaking, sailing, rowing and powerboating and over 40 Scouts aged 12-14 travelled from Penarth to take part.

Gareth Crapnell of Barry Sea Cadets said: "It was a fantastic and enjoyable weekend. It was great to pass on the skills I have learnt to the younger Scouts - who were so enthusiastic."

Kayaking took place in 5th Barry Scouts

Kayaks under the supervision of Chris Parsons, the Scout leader who organised the weekend.

Sailing was in the Barry District Topper Dinghies supervised by Nigel Vick of Barry Youth Watersports.

Powerboating used the Jenneaus belonging to 6th Barry and was supervised by Steve Taylor.

Barry Sea Cadets provided a safety launch and two Trinity 500 Rowing boats, complete with instructors Dean and Gareth Crapnell.

The overall judgement was that the day was a great success - roll on the next one!

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## Councillor's pay award to charity

**NEWLY-ELECTED** Barry councillor, Richard Bertin, has kept a pledge to donate five per cent of his pay to charity.

The Independent, who represents Court Ward, said he has set up a monthly direct debit for £54.90 as a

donation towards NCH Ty Robin Goch home in Robbins Lane, Barry.

The home, which was under threat, due to a cut in funding from the Vale Council, provides disabled children and young families with short breaks.

## FAMILY SERVICE

**ALL Saints Church** in Victoria Square, Penarth is holding a family communion service to celebrate Pentecost on Sunday May 27 at 10am.

The worship will be suitable for all ages and refreshments are served after the service. All are welcome.

## Fairtrade success at Bryn Hafren



MILKSHAKES, ANYONE?

**THE** Fairtrade event at Bryn Hafren School, Barry, on May 3, was a resounding success.

Pupils of year-10 and year-11 worked well together to create an extremely well-received event.

Within 10 minutes of morning break, the students sold over 90 smoothies/milkshakes, totalling £48 profit with some kind donations from members of staff. All proceeds will be donated to the Daniel Cwtch Fund.

All pupils and staff really enjoyed the healthy snack and commented

on the flavours. The event raised awareness of the availability of Fairtrade fruit and snacks in the supermarkets, and hopes to have influenced some of the choices that the pupils make when next shopping in their local stores.

The PGCE students and all the pupils would like to thank Mrs Hooper and her department, as without them this would have been impossible.

Given the success of the event, we hope the pupils will be inspired to take part in similar events in the future.

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## 'Cai's Bubble Mission' is launched this weekend

**A BARRY** mother is holding a charity walk this Sunday (May 27) from Barry Town Square to Barry Island and back again, starting at 12pm, to raise money for her severely disabled two-year-old son.

Micaela Wilson's son Cai has a condition so rare that doctors have been unable to diagnose his problems. He suffers from a very low muscle tone and immune system, epilepsy and is also registered blind.

Because of his muscle tone, after each seizure his muscles become very tight and Micaela must bathe Cai and provide physiotherapy to try and relax him.

The Assembly Government has provided grants to help adapt the family home, including a specialised up-and-down main bath unit; but Cai needs a hydrotherapy unit inside it, so an extra £1,400 must be raised for this. The walk, 'Cai's Bubble Mission', is the start of this fundraising effort.

Ms Wilson told The GEM: "Cai loves the bath. When he's in the water, you see a weight lift and it's a nice experience for him."

"It will help him relax, and means I wouldn't have to do as much physiotherapy with him afterwards."

So far, around 50 people, including 25 friends and family, have signed up to take part in the



Micaela Wilson and her son Cai (2), whom she hopes to help through Cai's Bubble Mission.

walk, but Micaela would love for more to join in. Attendees are asked to find sponsors for the walk, and it is hoped local families will get involved for a worthwhile day out.

Micaela added: "Whatever people bring they bring. So far, they have been so generous because they know where the money is going directly, rather than through a charity. We've had a really good response."

If you would like to get involved in the walk or provide sponsorship, call Micaela on 07590 187970 or visit their Facebook page by searching for: 'Cai's Bubble Mission'.

LEIGH GRUFFYDD SANDERS

## OSTEOPOROSIS GROUP MEETING

**THE** Barry and Vale Osteoporosis Support Group will be holding a meeting in the Mary Lennox Room in Barry Hospital on Wednesday, May 30 from 2pm until 4pm.

The speaker for the day will be Dr Jane Turton, consultant, and Sister Roz Broadbent of the Bone Research Unit at Llandough Hospital.

New members and visitors would be welcomed; £1 entrance fee, includes tea/coffee.

For enquiries, telephone 02920 530221.

## Donations needed for wall hanging

**CANOLFAN** Porthceri Centre is seeking donations of squares designed and created by all the community, to go towards a commemorative wall hanging.

The group has organised various events in an attempt to establish an arts and Welsh language centre in the town and this project will mark the first Barry Arts Festival of the millennium!

The closing date for squares to reach the centre is Friday, June 22. Barry Library on King's Square has agreed to be the central collection point between June 18-22.

More details can be obtained by emailing: pat@temple-murray.com or calling 07768 790160.

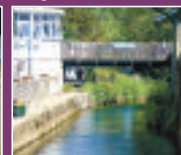
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# Paralympic legend inspires pupils at Evenlode Primary



Pupils formed the Olympic Rings in the school playground.

**BARONESS** Tanni Grey-Thompson was the guest of honour as an Olympic competition for primary schools in Penarth kicked off with a Paralympic sports day at Evenlode Primary School.

Over the next six weeks, 11 local primary schools across the town will be competing in a range of sports, with nine different schools taking it in turns to host events.

The opening Paralympic sports day gave children an insight into disability sports such as boccia, wheelchair rugby, goalball and blind partner races, while the other schools will be hosting events such as basketball, athletics, football, table tennis and triathlon.

Evenlode also staged a colourful opening ceremony which showcased the talents of their pupils and featured a parade, singing, dancing and children joining together to form the famous Olympic rings.

Baroness Grey-Thompson enjoyed watching the opening ceremony and the children were thrilled when Britain's most successful Paralympian joined them for a game of wheelchair rugby.



THE OPENING CEREMONY WAS A COLOURFUL AFFAIR.

Baroness Grey-Thompson also shared her excitement about the London 2012 Games during a school assembly and told the children all about an amazing sporting career which saw her compete in five Paralympic Games and win an incredible 16 medals – 11 golds, four silvers and one bronze.

Explaining her sporting beginnings, Tanni said: "At the age of about seven or eight I used to swim and take part in as many different sports as possible."

"I really enjoyed taking part in so many sports and it gave me lots of confidence. I would definitely recommend that children

should have fun trying as many sports as they can."

Since retiring from competing, Baroness Grey-Thompson has been part of the team working on the London 2012 Games – work which actually began around 10 years ago, before many of the children at Evenlode were even born.

Speaking passionately about what a home Games will mean to Great Britain, Tanni said: "I think it will be great for the whole of the country and it will be the most amazing thing that we are going to see."

"I'm really excited about the Games, hoping that everyone will

enjoy it. To wear a British tracksuit, and to be with the team and compete in front of the home fans will be incredible for our athletes."

Baroness Grey-Thompson's nephews attend Evenlode Primary School, and the school is just down the road from her old school, St Cyres.

Evenlode School's Headteacher Steve Rees said: "Eleven schools

have been working very hard to bring this all together and we are making the most of a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for teaching and learning all about the London 2012 Olympics and Paralympics."

"All of the children will get the opportunity to compete against each other in a friendly, inclusive competition and make new friends along the way."

## High Street Primary passes its inspection

**HIGH** Street Primary School has been awarded 'good' in all areas, following a recent Estyn inspection.

The school has been recognised as being a "fully-inclusive school" where "staff members go to great lengths to identify the needs of the pupils."

The inspectors stated: "The pupils are enthusiastic, well motivated and active participants in their learning, standards of behaviour are good."

The school's current performance was judged as good because "almost all pupils make good progress in acquiring reading, oracy, numeracy and ICT skills. The care for pupils and the arrangements for their wellbeing are good. Nearly all of the teaching is of good quality and the school is well managed."

The school's prospects for improvement were judged as good because "its outcomes have improved at both key stages during recent years."

"The headteacher, staff and governors have high expectations in terms of taking the school forward."

Headteacher Sian Howell said: "All staff, governors and pupils were extremely happy with the result."

# CARRYING THE TORCH – in style!



Pupils from Barry Island Primary School getting in the mood to welcome the Olympic flame to the coastal resort on Saturday morning.

**CHILDREN** from Barry Island Primary School are getting in the mood to give the London 2012 Olympic torch relay a fantastic reception on Saturday, May 26 at 8am.

It is one of many local schools that have signed up to the London 2012 Get Set programme, allowing them to access a range of Olympic and Paralympic Games learning resources in their lessons, and they have other Olympic-related activities in the pipeline.

Next month they will be joining 14 other primary and nursery schools from around Barry to run their own torch relay, starting from Barry Island and ending at Wenvoe Primary School, while they will also be competing in a mini Olympics that is being organised for Barry schools at the end of June.

If you are planning on lining the streets to watch the London 2012 Olympic Torch relay on Saturday then you'll

need to be early out of the blocks as the flame begins its journey through Dinas Powys at 7am before going on to

Barry and Barry Island. Please visit [www.vale-of-glamorgan.gov.uk/olympics](http://www.vale-of-glamorgan.gov.uk/olympics) for full torch Relay route maps.

## Harry Carter (12) Olympic torchbearer!

**HARRY** Carter, a year-7 pupil at the Barry Comprehensive School, has been chosen to be one of the 212 12-year-olds to carry the Olympic torch on its journey around Britain.

Following a nomination by the school PE department, Harry passed all the relevant criteria to be considered as a torchbearer.

Harry will carry the torch for 300m in a relay through Barry on Saturday May 26, having shown Olympic ideals of respect, commitment and excellence in his PE lessons and extra-curricular clubs this year.

It is hoped that as many staff and pupils as possible will be there to



Harry Carter was selected as a torchbearer for his achievements in PE and extra-curricular activities this year.

cheer Harry during this once in a lifetime opportunity. Harry runs at 7.57am along Harbour Road (A4055) to the 'Welcome to Barry Island Wheel'.

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## Camera Club hands out annual awards

**BARRY** Camera Club held its annual dinner and awards at the Six Bells, Penmark on Friday, May 12, organised by Tom Alexander and attended by old and new members of the club.

The photographs were judged and awards presented by Dave Russell from Cardiff Camera Club, who had to contend with quite a large selection of photographs.

In the annual competition there are quite a number of categories, too many to mention.

Steve Durbin won four of the categories, closely followed by Rob

Owens, winner in three categories. Hugh Winnan, Brian Trego and new member Chris Peebles won two categories each. Mike Lewis and Barbra Archdale-Smith won one category each.

Barry Camera Club meets every Friday evening from 7pm-9.30pm between September and May at St Francis Millennium Centre, Porth-y-Castell, Barry Garden Suburb, Barry, CF62 6NX.

New members are always welcome to attend with no obligation to join. Alternatively, for more information visit [www.barrycameraclub.org.uk](http://www.barrycameraclub.org.uk)

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# Soroptimists help the local homeless



## ValePlus holds garden party

VALEPLUS, the local charity that provides lifelong learning and leisure opportunities for people with a learning disability, is celebrating its 10th anniversary with a garden party on Friday, June 1, from 2pm-5pm at the centre in High Street, Barry, and all are welcome.

There will be a number of stalls and a raffle and live music will

be provided during the afternoon.

Melanie Carter, co founder and director of ValePlus, said:

"We would love to see as many people as possible who have been connected in any way with ValePlus over the last 10 years."

Tickets are priced at £3 and all are welcome. Contact Melanie or Steve on 01446 746691 or on [melanie@vale-plus.org.uk](mailto:melanie@vale-plus.org.uk) for further details.

ONE of the speakers at a meeting of Soroptimist International Barry and District was a representative of Llamau, the award-winning charity for the homeless based in Barry.

Llamau helps young people, particularly those coming out of care and young offenders, until they are able to sustain an independent and acceptable lifestyle in their chosen community.

When asked how they could help, members were given a list of 'Home Starter Sets' needed by young people when moving into

accommodation, with items ranging from toiletries to cleaning equipment and household items.

One pack of toiletries has already been delivered and club members who are co-ordinating the packs are pictured with the second pack, which includes essential household items.

Pictured, above, left to right are Mary Joyce Morgan, Jean Bispham, President Judy James, Christine Drury and Delor Rogers.

To find out more, visit: [www.sigbi.org/barry-and-district](http://www.sigbi.org/barry-and-district).

# RECORDS ARE BROKEN AT THE PENMARK PLANT SALE

RIGHT: A large crowd turned out to the Penmark Plant and Produce sale.



MAYBE the cold weather meant gardeners hadn't been able to grow their own plants, maybe it was just that the weather was good on May 13, or maybe it was our advert in The GEM, but we had a record attendance at our plant and produce sale!

There were lots of plants of all sorts for sale. In fact, there were too

many for the tables and we had a lot on the floor when we opened (a lot less when we closed), the usual good range of jams and a fine selection of excellent cakes if, perhaps, not quite as many as usual.

Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, even when they were 'persuaded' to buy raffle tick-

ets, and anyone who needed a rest could get tea, coffee and a seat (as well as a free biscuit) before going on with their shopping.

Last year's sale raised over £600 - £200 more than our previous best. This year, we broke that record by making £725 for village hall funds.

There were too many

people involved to mention all the names, but the village hall committee is very grateful to the three people who did most of the organising and to everyone who helped and turned up to buy.

Remember, if you need plants next year, Penmark's the place to come for them!

GAVIN DAVIES

## Festival flavours at Eisteddfod

IN the countdown to the Vale of Glamorgan National Eisteddfod, organisers are working with Wales - the True Taste and the People's Collection, to appeal for old family recipes in the Blas y Brifwyl (Festival Flavours) campaign.

This aims to create a bank of Welsh family recipes, collating recipes passed from generation to generation.

The campaign reaches a tasty go online at: [www.walesthe true-taste.co.uk](http://www.walesthe true-taste.co.uk) and vote for their

will be prepared in the Wales the True Taste kitchen on the Maes.

A spokesperson said they were encouraging people to load recipes to the People's Collection website, the national online archive.

Go to: [www.peoplescollection-wales.co.uk](http://www.peoplescollection-wales.co.uk) to load your recipe or go through the website: [www.eisteddfod.org.uk](http://www.eisteddfod.org.uk). You can also send your recipe to the Eisteddfod Office, 40 Parc Ty Glas, Llanishen, Cardiff, CF14 5DU.

People are being encouraged to

favourite restaurant, café or tea-room, farm shop or deli, butcher and fishmonger, as part of Wales' first 'People's Choice' food awards.

The public vote will run until May 28, with everyone who enters automatically going into a draw to win a Michelin-starred dining experience, or a hamper of True Taste Award-winning goodies.

The Vale of Glamorgan National Eisteddfod will be held on the old airfield at Llandow between Cowbridge and Llantwit Major from August 4-11.

For more information, go to: [www.eisteddfod.org.uk](http://www.eisteddfod.org.uk).

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# Assembly Plan lays down foundations for growth and jobs

**THIS WEEK, I launched our Wales Infrastructure Plan for Growth and Jobs, outlining how the Welsh Government will invest over £15bn over the next decade in capital projects to stimulate and boost our economy.**

This Plan for Growth and Jobs is in stark contrast to the UK Government's austerity measures.

The Welsh Government believes we need to take action

now to show business, local government and the NHS that we are going to spend every pound available to us, get the best value for money and give a pipeline of projects, so that the construction industry can be clear what the public sector has planned.

In my statement to the Senedd, I said that our approach will set us on the right path to ensure that Wales has 21st Century transport, IT and energy networks; a sustainable low carbon Wales, as part of a skilled and efficient country where businesses thrive and where our expertise is globally

renowned.

Also, a Wales which invests in a capital programme for schools, housing and health – fit for this century.

Investment in these key areas is already a priority and as part of my statement, I announced over £40m for road improvements, housing, schools and health this week, as well as the first tranche of new funding for the plan.

Projects also included energy efficiency programmes, flood alleviation measures and M4 improvements in this region.

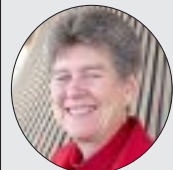
I also announced a new mortgage guarantee scheme.

This will increase the supply of affordable homes and increase access to home ownership.

Working with all the Ministers in the Welsh Government, I joined Huw Lewis AM, the Housing and Regeneration Minister in Ely on Monday, to support the launch of his Housing White Paper at the Greenfarm housing development.

Last week, he announced the targets he has set for making at least 12,500 more homes available, including bringing empty homes back into use.

## ASSEMBLY NOTES



by Vale AM **JANE HUTT**  
(Minister for Finance and Leader of the House)

With the extra money I am awarding this week, the empty homes initiative will be expanded, and we will also deliver a Welsh Housing Bond to help finance more affordable homes to rent.

The plan also covers the new ways we are leveraging in additional funds to finance this capital investment, at a time of deep cuts by the UK Government.

We are engaged in talks with the UK Government to allow us to borrow to finance this investment, as well as secure a better deal for our funding arrangements.

These talks have cross-party support in the Assembly.

In the meantime, we

are working with local government to use their borrowing capacity and last week I announced the local government borrowing initiative, which sees more than £60 million of additional investment in our highways alone, with up to £170m over the next three years, including an allocation to the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

Every local authority in Wales signed up to this scheme and the work on site is already underway.

We estimate that over 900 jobs will be created or safeguarded as a result of this scheme, which is great news for the construction industry – providing jobs and growth in Wales as well as much-needed improvements to our roads and highways.

My message is that we have a duty to be ambitious and to work for growth and jobs.

The Wales Infrastructure Investment Plan will enable us to do this and will show clearly how we will use £16bn+ to this end, across all sectors, in a whole Government approach.

I look forward to working with our partners in the newly-elected local authorities to maximise the impact of this plan.

## POLICE APPEAL AFTER ROBBERY

POLICE in the Vale are keen to find out if a series of valuable stolen items have been offered for sale.

They are appealing for information, after a burglary at a property in the Primrose Hill area of Cowbridge, sometime between 10pm on Friday, April 6, and 2pm on Saturday, April 7.

A police spokeswoman said: "A number of high value items were stolen from an out-building after intruders forced entry."

The property stolen included: various Snap-On tools; Vossen VVS CV1 Black Range Rover wheels (24" complete with Pirelli tyres) worth approx £5,000; Audi A3 Black Edition 18" Arm Rota Diamond cut wheels (with tyres) worth approx £2,000; 19" Calibre Friction Wheels (with Pirelli tyres) worth approx

£1,200; a HPI BAJA 58F petrol car worth approx £950; a Westwood T1900 lawn mower worth approx £6,000; a Honda TRX 450 EX Farm Quad worth approx £8,400; KTM 450 Leisure Quad worth approx £8,500.

Officers are appealing for anyone who may have information, or who may have been offered these items for sale, to contact police on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

## Stagecoach marks success

**STAGECOACH Theatre Arts has announced new performance arts awards.**

The Musical Theatre awards assess each child in a group performance, who then receive a qualification, accredited by Ofqual, part of the qualifications and credits framework.

Stagecoach said that students were able to take an award as part of their end-of-term performance. 139 children chose to do so, and were

assessed by two visiting examiners.

"The children and their teachers are celebrating because all 139 passed their award with outstanding results all round. Each child was presented with a certificate and written report," said Stagecoach Principal Helene Reynolds.

For more information about Stagecoach visit: [www.stagecoach.co.uk/b](http://www.stagecoach.co.uk/b) ridgend, or contact Helene on 01446 781454.

## AM's surgery

Vale of Glamorgan AM, Jane Hutt, will be holding a surgery this Saturday (May 26) from 10am to 12 noon at Barry Citizens Advice Bureau, 119 Broad Street. No appointment necessary.

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## SEARCH IS ON FOR VALE'S TOP GARDENERS

The Vale of Glamorgan Council has launched its annual search for the area's top gardeners.

The 'Vale in Bloom Competition' involves residents and businesses across the Vale.

The competition will cover three classes of Best Front Garden, Best Hanging Basket Display and Best Business with a special category for Best Jubilee Themed Display (open to all including children).

The competitions are free to enter, with cash prizes and plaques or certificates.

Some winners can also receive the following trophies: Front Garden: Penarth's best entry in the seafrost conservation area receives the Robert and Joan Ernest Trophy. Best Business: Cabot Trophy.

The only requirement for entry is that displays must be visible from the road or footpath to the front of the property.

Application forms can be obtained from Council Offices in Barry (Civic and Dock), Wenvoe (The Alps), local libraries, by telephoning 01446 700111 and on the Council website [www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk](http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk)

The closing date for entries is Monday, 16th July, 2012



## Be a winner in the Vale's annual gardening competition

### Competition Classes

- Barry, Penarth and Villages

1. Best Front Garden
2. Best Hanging Basket Display
3. Best Business



### Entry Form

Name .....

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Classes .....

Please send completed form to:  
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- Entries must be clearly visible from the road or footpath to the front of the property.
- Prizes will be awarded for the first, second and third placed entrants in each class, as the judges deem appropriate. Plaques or certificates will be awarded to prize winners in all classes. Cash prizes will be awarded for non-commercial classes only. Business classes can allocate their prize to a charity of their choice.
- Entrants who win a class for three consecutive years will not be allowed to enter the following year.
- Classes for the "Vale in Bloom Competition" will be – Best Front Garden, Best Hanging Basket, Best Business and Best Jubilee Themed entry
- Judging will take place from week commencing Monday, 23rd July 2012 and Monday, 30th July, 2012
- Judges decision will be final in all classes.
- Closing date for entries will be on Monday, 16th July, 2012.

# Wartime memories to be captured for the generations to come

**THE Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) has awarded a grant of £8,100 to save local memories of the Second World War, it was announced today.**

The memories of the people of the Vale of the Second World War are to be recorded and preserved at a remarkable local event this summer.

Thanks to the award, local historian Dr Jonathan Hicks and a team of interviewers will be able to carry out interviews with local residents at the Wartime Weekend on Barry Waterfront and Barry Island Station this coming June.

The Barry at War History Group will be able to purchase digital recording and video equipment to capture these memories of what life was like for local residents during the period 1939 to 1945.

Commenting on the award, Dr Hicks told The GEM: "The Vale Council is supporting our staging of the Wartime Weekend through funding the costs of running the event.

"The HLF funding means that we can now go a stage further. We can bring more WWII vehicles to the event, as well as more re-enactors. This will enable local people to see what life was like during WWII.

"Through the generosity of the HLF we can also leave a lasting legacy of the event by recording interviews with people

who lived through the war. We want to find out what their daily lives were like, what they remember of the German bombing raids and how they coped with the arrival of thousands of American troops prior to D-Day.

"These memories will be typed up after the Wartime Weekend and shared with the local community through being displayed in a local venue during the summer.

"We would be delighted to talk to people on the Saturday and Sunday and have set aside a special room on Barry Island Station for the interviews to take place."

Commenting on the award, Jennifer Stewart, the Head of HLF in Wales, said: "This project will give residents and visitors to Barry a sense of what life was like at this strategic port town during the Second World War.

"The oral history interviews will also provide an important resource for present and future generations to gain a better understanding of life for residents during those momentous times."

The Wartime Weekend will take place on Saturday, June 16 and Sunday, June 17, at Hood Road and Barry Island Station.

It opens at 10am each day and if you wish to book an interview slot please see the event website: [www.wartimeweekend.co.uk](http://www.wartimeweekend.co.uk).



Major re-enactments are to take place during the Wartime Weekend after the grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.



## Grant aims to improve the Vale's road network

**A GRANT from the Welsh Government will give the Vale Council the chance to boost its spending on capital projects this year by more than £2 million.**

The grant, which totals

£151,813, should mean that the Vale Council can borrow a total of £2.3 million.

The council will receive two more sums of money in each of the next two years, as part of the Welsh Government's Local Government Borrowing Initiative (LGBI).

The Welsh Government Finance Minister, Jane Hutt, said: "We know that local authority budgets across Wales are under pressure, which is why we have introduced the LGBI.

"We want to help councils address revenue pressures, and see them undertake new and necessary capital investment in our highways."

Describing the arrangement as an "effective collaboration", she said that an investment of this size would otherwise have been unaffordable.

She continued: "Developing innovative forms of financing, such as the LGBI, will form a key part of the Wales Infrastructure Investment Plan (WIIP).

"We want to take every opportunity to increase capital investment, despite the severe cuts in our budget, and to ensure that we continue to support the delivery of public sector infrastructure across Wales."

Transport Minister Carl Sargeant added: "This money will help councils to improve the condition of our roads,

reduce travel times and increase safety for motorists and cyclists.

"The funding will also support local economies across Wales by creating new job opportunities and apprenticeships for local people, as well as providing supply chain opportunities for local businesses."

A Vale Council spokeswoman said: "The council is grateful for this funding opportunity which will assist in addressing the backlog of highway, mainly as a result of the very harsh winters in 2009 and 2010.

"The council spent £2.4m on highway repairs in 2011/12 and a great deal more funding is required. However this borrowing will enable the resurfacing plan to continue at a similar level for the next three years."

PHILIP IRWIN

**Murch Jubilee picnic**  
TO celebrate the Diamond Jubilee, Murch Junior School and Dinas Powys Infants School Parents Associations are holding the 'Big Jubilee Picnic' on Friday June 1 from 3.30pm.

Entrance is free and everyone is invited to attend. There will be live entertainment by school clubs, local musical talent, performances by dance and theatre groups and local choirs.

In addition, there will be bouncy castles, tattoos, crafts and a special jubilee raffle. Burgers, hotdogs, soft drinks, sweets and ice-creams will also be available to purchase during the evening.

Bring your blanket, chairs, picnic, friends and family, and find a spot on the Murch Junior School Playing Field. For more information, contact Murch Junior School on 02920 512354.

**Think Floyd**

THINK Floyd is in concert at the Memorial Hall Theatre, Barry, on June 1.

# 'Rhoose is the forgotten village'

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

Glenys insisted: "The state of the pavements is disgusting. They are so uneven. People have fallen over.

"They are crumbling and people pick up little bits of stones in their shoes that are walked into our coffee shop. We need the pavements resurfaced and need new bins."

She said that there had been a local meeting recently and one topic had been whether there should be a return of the community council.

She believes it would be a good idea as it might be a forum which would raise the profile of the village.

## GRANTS

Coun Phil Clarke, who was elected as the new representative for Rhoose in the recent poll, told The GEM on Monday:

"In response to a dialogue with one of the shopkeepers a few days ago, I contacted the head of visible services who will be dispatching a Vale Council government officer to the area, in order to access the situation with a view to making improvements."

The next morning, Coun Clarke re-contacted The GEM newsroom to add he had just met the council officer at the shops and had been able to explain the situation to him.

Rhoose's other councillor, Coun Jeff James, pointed out that Barry had received funds because of its 'regeneration status' and work in Llantwit had been possible due to a specific grant application to the Welsh Government.

He explained that he had submitted an application for funding for Rhoose under the 'Safe Routes in the Community' scheme, which would have included upgrading in the local area and planters, but it had not met the criteria.

He said: "I'm really interested in the comments made by the traders and will work with them and the council to improve the area in front of the shops."

Coun James pointed out that the situation was complicated by the fact that parts of the pave-



ABOVE: Businesses in Rhoose are calling for pavements to be upgraded to smarten up the area.

ment were privately owned, but said he would speak to highways officers, and was pleased to hear that traders believed any issues could be resolved.

Bob Guy, the operational manager for countryside and economic projects at the Vale Council, added:

"The council's rural regeneration partnership Creative Rural Communities has been seeking approaches from rural villages to establish what improvements local communities want.

"To date, no-one in Rhoose has responded to press coverage, so I have now asked the regeneration team to directly approach these village centre businesses to start that discussion.

"Our 'Pride in our Villages' grant is potentially available for improvements to the public realm, if that is the priority of the broad local community, but not for general maintenance.

"The council's responsibility for the footways in the vicinity of the shops only extends to a strip, adjacent to the kerb line, which is approximately two metres in width.

"This area was inspected on May 22, and found to be safe.

"We are in the process of undertaking a land search to establish ownership of the remaining footway areas and when this is known, we will write to the relevant landowners to remind them of their responsibilities for public safety."

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## PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS' NEWS

## Trekking along the Vale coastal path

**A RECENT 16-mile trek from Barry to Monknash was hosted by William, who was joined at Barry railway station by five walkers and dogs Bronte and Bracken.**

## PACT meetings

**STANWELL PACT**, May 25 in Elfed Avenue United Church at 7pm.

**LLANDOUGH PACT**, May 28 in Llandough War Memorial Hall at 7pm.

**COURT PACT**, May 30 at The Scout Hall, Everard Street, Barry at 7pm.

**ST ATHAN PACT**, June 3 at The Gathering Place at 2pm.

**ST AUGUSTINE'S PACT**, June 6 in the back room of the Windsor Public House at 7pm.

From Birdcage walk the group entered Romilly Park, past the Gorsedd stones and Barry castle to Coed yr Odyn - where they entered woodland, now part of the Wales Coastal Path.

They descended the Golden Stairs and passing the golf course in Porthkerry Park climbed up to the Bulwarks and through Porthkerry caravan site, where recent cliff falls had caused problems, before continuing on to reach Rhoose Point.

They then descended steps in the cliff to the salt flats, making their way through Pleasant Harbour and crossed the Thaw river bridge to circumnavigate Aberthaw Power Station.

From Gileston, they made their way to Summerhouse Point, where the old Coastguard Station is now a Seawatch Centre.

At Llantwit Major, a handy bench on the cliff

made a fitting stop for lunch and the group continued along the cliff, descending at the pretty Tresilian Bay to cross the pebbles above Reynard's Cave, and on to St Donat's.

From Cwm Marcross, they descended into the shelter of Cwm Nash and up through the pretty nature reserve at Blaen-y-cwm beside Nash Brook.

The group made their way to the Plough and Harrow and then caught a bus back to Llantwit Major, and a train back to Barry.

**On May 26**, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for an 11.5-mile moderate walk at Frampton on Severn (long but completely flat), contact Phil on 01446 711533.

**On May 27**, meet at 9am at Cogan for a nine-mile hard walk at Tor y Foel from Llangynidr; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

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HAIRDRESSERS CUT ABOVE  
THE REST AT SALON CYMRU

**YOUNG** hairdressers from salons in Bridgend, St Brides Major and Porthcawl proved they were a cut above the rest by winning prizes at Wales' premier event for creative hairdressing and beauty recently.

Rebecca Watkins from USTU salon in Porthcawl won the Cut it like Essex competition and Toni Ann James, The Priory, Bridgend was runner-up at ISA Training's Salon Cymru held at The SWALEC Stadium, Cardiff.

Taking 'The Only Way is Essex' television series as its theme, competitors were challenged to create their own Joey and Lauren cut and blow dry.

Stacey Ranson from Coast Hair Studio in St Brides Major was awarded two third prizes in the Vamp it up and Cutting with the X-Factor competitions.

Overall champion of Salon Cymru was hair stylist Marcus Scott, who owns Identity salon in Haverfordwest.

Popular television programmes and films

inspired the themes for the six competitions at the popular event, which attracted the best young hairdressers from across Wales and Gloucestershire.

More than 120 competitors took part in the dynamic event, which was compered by BBC Wales presenter Lucy Owen and attracted an audience of around 500. The main sponsor was City & Guilds.

Organised by Bridgend-based ISA Training, the largest independent hairdressing training provider in Wales, Salon Cymru is open to all hairdressing and beauty learners from schools, colleges and training providers.

**The full results were:**  
Gleeek Chic: 1, Kristian Johns, Spirit Hair Team, Ystrad Mynach, 2, Alex Williams, Coleg Gwent, Newport, 3, Emma Bennett, Identity,

Haverfordwest;

Cut it like Essex: 1, Rebecca Watkins, USTU, Porthcawl, 2, Toni Ann James, The Priory, Bridgend, 3, Geraint Peter Osborne, Kudos, Pontyclun;

Strictly Hair Up: 1, Sara Williams, Coleg Menai, Bangor, 2, Laura Chandler, Lashoka, Pontypridd, 3, Emma Bennett;

Vamp it up: 1, Nikki Nelson, Pembrokeshire College, 2, Marcus Scott, 3, Stacey Ranson, Coast Hair Studio, St Brides Major;

Cutting with the X-Factor: 1, Marcus Scott, 2, Natasha Dance, Friends, Newport, 3, Stacey Ranson;

Red Carpet Make-up: 1, Leila Hanford, Coleg Gwent, 2, Katie Thomas, NuYu, Milford Haven, 3, Rhoslyn Phillips, Ystrad Mynach College.

YMCA's search  
for local talent!

**THE Barry YMCA** is working in partnership with It's My Shout and BBC Wales to produce a film to be screened on BBC Wales.

It is now seeking help with set design, catering, hair and make-up, producing, sound recording, lighting, locations, composition and photography; also assistant directors, camera operators,

All ages and abilities are welcome to apply.

The first casting session is being held at Barry YMCA today (May 24) from 4pm.

Further information can be obtained from the Barry YMCA, on 01446 724000, or email mike@dmedigital.co.uk



Rebecca Watkins (second from right) of USTU salon, Porthcawl, and her models, receives the Cut it like Essex award from Gemma Amura (left) from Paul Mitchell, watched by ISA Training's managing director Shirley Davis-Fox (right) at Salon Cymru.

New Operations  
Director for  
Cardiff Airport

**CARDIFF Airport** has announced the appointment of **Debra Barber** as its new Operations Director.

A spokesperson stated that she had a successful career with the RAF, having spent ten years working in and around RAF airfields as an air traffic controller, before retiring as Group Captain and Air Traffic Management Force Commander, responsible for all RAF air traffic units in the UK and around the world.

She played a leading role in the commercial development and expansion of Basrah International Airport in Iraq.

She also had command responsibilities for the military element of the En Route Air Traffic Control Centre

at Swanwick in Hampshire, was directly involved in the UK response to the volcanic ash crisis in 2010, and represented the military air traffic management organisation during preparations for the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

"I am absolutely delighted to join Cardiff Airport at this important time in its history," Debra said.

"Having visited Wales many times during my career - including many visits to RAF Valley in Anglesey and to nearby St Athan, I look forward now to exploring the beautiful countryside in south Wales, and to becoming an integral part of the community," she said.

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# Out and About with The GEM

## Christian entertainer set to light up weekend

THE Methodist Churches in The Vale of Glamorgan are putting on a great weekend for children and adults on May 26-27.

John Hardwick is a Christian singer/songwriter, story teller, juggler and author. He does work in schools, and all-age presentations and worship at many of the big national Christian events.

On the Saturday morning, he will be at Saint John Methodist Church, Barry Island from 9.30am. He will lead a 'creative communication' workshop for adults only.

Anyone from local Christian churches who works with children, is welcome to come along. Visit: [www.johnhardwick.org.uk](http://www.johnhardwick.org.uk)

On Sunday afternoon, the big event for children is 'John Hardwick's Cool and Crazy Praise Party' at The Gathering Place Methodist Church and Community Centre, Saint Athan, from 3.30pm-5.30pm (for children aged four-11).

All children must have adult supervision. The event is free, donations for refreshments are welcome. Please register your interest with the ministers. On Sunday May 27, John will lead an all-age worship at The Gathering Place, from 10.30am-11.30am. All welcome.

For more information and to confirm attendance, contact 01446 406262, or: [deacon-sam@live.co.uk](mailto:deacon-sam@live.co.uk).

Deacon Sam and Rev Peter Taylor

## To the Woods!

TO THE WOODS' fairy tale exhibition will be staged at St Donat's Art Centre, in association with the Beyond the Border storytelling festival, from June 6-July 1.

It will feature work inspired by the Brothers Grimm's fairytales, to mark the bicentenary of their first publication.

## Valeways walks

ON Wednesday (May 23) a Nordic walking taster, was led by Howell Isaac (of Age Cymru) from Southerndown.

Next Tuesday, May 29 at 1.30pm, there is a 'Woodland Trail to Lake, at Welsh St Donats, starting from Hensol Forest car park (OS 032768).

## Transition meets

TRANSITION Llantwit is holding a meeting at 7.30pm today (May 24) at The Heritage Centre, Llantwit Major Town Hall.

For more details, contact us at: [transition.llantwit@googlemail.com](mailto:transition.llantwit@googlemail.com).

## Race night

FRIDAY, May 25, will see Barry Rugby Club continue their fundraising events for their 125th anniversary which begins in September.

A race night will begin at 7.30pm with the first race at 8pm. Entry is £2, payable at the door.

Ken Chow will also be on hand with some

culinary expertise and all proceeds will go towards supporting events for next season.

## Lib-dem advice

WELSH Lib-Dem AM for south Wales West, Peter Black, will be holding an advice surgery on Friday, May 25 in Maesteg Library from 2pm-3pm.

No appointment is necessary.

## Airship flight

THE Rhosee and District History Society presents a talk by Mike Wilcock, on the Goodyear airship flight from Rhosee to Cardiff city centre, this Friday, May 25, at 7.30pm in the rear hall of Rhosee Community Centre, Stewart Road.

Tickets at the door, £1 per adult; 50p per child (under 16).

## Spring fayre

THE spring fayre for The Children's Society will be held on Saturday, May 26 at The Paget Rooms, Penarth, from 10am-12 noon.

The stalls are varied - homemade cakes/preserves/plants/books/gifts/cards/mystery parcels and raffle. Admission

50p, includes coffee/tea/biscuits. Contact 029 20703547.

## Beach clean

FRIENDS of Barry Beaches will be holding their next beach clean on Sunday, May 27, at Whitmore Bay, Barry Island, meeting by Marco's cafe at the usual time of 3pm.

All volunteers, old and young, will be welcome to spend an hour helping to clean the beach.

Litter picking equipment will be provided.

FOBB will be collecting signatures for 'Petition Fish', the Wildlife Trust petition calling on the Government to urgently set up a network of marine protection zones around Britain's coast.

## Pentecost service

ALL Saints Church in Victoria Square is holding a family communion service to celebrate Pentecost on Sunday, May 27 at 10am.

All ages welcomed.

Table top sale THERE will be a table top/indoor boot sale at Llantwit Major, Llantwit Major on Sunday May 27, from 9am-1pm to raise money for the National Eisteddfod in Llandow.

Tables, £5 donation, booking essential. Refreshments available. Contact Ros Lewis on 01445 793530.

## Public consultation

COMMUNITIES First Partnerships have submitted a joint cluster proposal for areas in need, to the Welsh Government - to extend activities to parts of the Cadoc and Buttrills Ward, Barry.

The public is being asked for its views at a consultation fun day at Barry Memorial Hall on Monday, May 28 from 2pm-6.30pm.

Fun activities include photographs, creche facilities, face painting, Zumba, street dancing, arts and crafts, pottery workshops, cake making and dressmaking.

For further information, contact the Communities First team on 01446 709432, or 01446 732406.

## Live music

THE Cerys Potter Foundation will benefit from live music by the Rachel K Collier Band on Friday June 1 at the Green Dragon Llanclade.

Tickets are £10 per adult or £5 for children under 12, which will include a light supper.

Contact Julie on 01446 781271, or: [japroowan@tesco.net](mailto:japroowan@tesco.net) for tickets.

## Baron Cohen 'Dictates' laughter in shock comedy

HAVING shocked and amused in equal measure with *Borat* and *Bruno*, Sacha Baron Cohen has shown there is more to him than just shock tactics with roles in the likes of *Sweeney Todd* and *Hugo*.

However, Baron Cohen's latest sees him mine a similar comedic vein to his previous characters in *The Dictator*.

Baron Cohen plays an oppressive, democracy-hating dictator named General Aladeen; when Aladeen travels to America to speak to the UN he is kidnapped and replaced by a lookalike.

Stripped of his beard and his identity, Aladeen, with the help of Zoe (Anna Faris) must try and stop his double passing through laws that will ruin his dictatorship...

If you've seen *Borat* or *Bruno*, you'll have a pretty good idea of what *The Dictator* will offer. As skilled a comedian as Sacha Baron Cohen is, you can be sure that biting satire and clever digs at PC society will hidden under gags that are coarse and in bad taste.

*The Dictator* doesn't alter from this formula, but in his pantheon of filmic characters, it sits somewhere between *Borat* and *Bruno*, the film lacking the same innocence as the former, but thankfully eschewing the knowing cynicism of the latter.

The fact that Baron Cohen made this film because he found Colonel Gaddafi funny gives you some idea of his comedic sensibility, and the humour continues in that vein; the jokes sometimes test the boundaries of taste, pushing the sort of buttons that extreme elements of society will no doubt decry; but the humour also makes several salient points about how even those who live in a 'free' world are in some ways dictated to without really noticing.

While of questionable taste, there is a surreal tint to the humour, infused with that unique strand of British comedy that travels so well, shades of Python-esque absurdity sitting side by side with childbirth gags that will make even the

## SCREEN TALK



by GARETH JMIESON

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most liberal of people gnaw on their hands.

At the centre of it all is a wonderful turn by Baron Cohen, who plays Waladeen as a man so ingrained into his world and having every whim catered for that anything he does and asks for is made possible (even trysts with Hollywood's biggest names!).

The character lacks much comedic potential outside of this, so placing Waladeen on the outside looking in (a thread in all Baron Cohen's characters) means that the maximum comic mileage can be wrought out - and it is.

Working with regular director, *Carb Your Enthusiasm* veteran Larry Charles, the pair aim and hit the majority of their targets, Charles bringing the disparate

elements of the film and making it a cohesive and, by and large, satisfying whole.

You can imagine how freewheeling Baron Cohen must be (as evidenced by the end credits gag reel) so Charles deserves a lot of credit for wrangling everything together, shooting the film through naturally and mining the comedy for what it is worth.

As much as Baron Cohen dominates proceedings, there is still room for the likes of Anna Faris, who as the love interest takes a one-dimensional character and, along with Baron Cohen moulds it into something more memorable.

The likes of Ben Kingsley, Jason Mantzoukas, plus cameos from the likes of Garry Shandling, Kathryn Hahn and Bobby Lee, all bring a little something to the table.

But the main imprint is that of Baron Cohen, and it is humour and performance that dominates the film. If you can't handle his brand of comedy, then *The Dictator* isn't for you, but if you love it, then this film will be right up your street.

**VERDICT:** Sitting somewhere between *Borat* and *Bruno*, *The Dictator* nonetheless gives your funny bone quite a work-out, the humour shocking and close to the bone but clever and satirical at the same time. Sacha Baron Cohen leads from the front with a winning performance, making *The Dictator* quite the bad taste comedy!

**SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED:** *Borat* (2006), *Bruno* (2009).

## Ty Hafan winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D723.

● £2,000: 698998.  
● The rollover, which now stands at £11,000, was not won this week.  
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## VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

## 'EISTEDDFOD WILL PUT VALE ON MAP FOR YEARS TO COME'

**L**LANDOW is in the spotlight this week – for two very different reasons.

Later this week, work will start on the site of the National Eisteddfod 2012 in the western Vale.

The site preparation however, follows closely on the heels of a public inquiry into the planning application for exploration of shale gas at a site on the Llandow Business Park.

I was absolutely delighted when the brilliant news broke that the National Eisteddfod was coming to the Vale this August.

Since my childhood, I've been going to the Eisteddfod regularly, and have enjoyed hours of wandering the Maes (the site where the festival is held), meeting old friends, and of course listening to the competitions and the concerts.

The Eisteddfod is a very special event that will attract up to 160,000 visitors to the Vale, acting as a shop window for economic investments in general and tourism in the Vale.

The Eisteddfod can generate

up to £6-8 million to the host area each year, which is great news for local businesses.

Recent figures show that 11.2 per cent of people living in the Vale are employed in the tourism and hospitality sectors, with many more living further afield by working in the Vale.

Ironically, then, that during the same week work starts on the Eisteddfod site, we also have the public inquiry into the planning application for exploration for shale gas.

Although we won't know the outcome of the inquiry by the time you read this article, I will have made my representation to the Planning Inspector at the inquiry in Barry.

My very real concerns are that the potential discovery of shale gas will most certainly go against the aspirations we share for the communities of the Vale to live, work and welcome tourists to such a beautiful part of Wales.

It's important to use the Eisteddfod as an opportunity to bring together the traditions of the Vale as



Vale Conservative MP Alun Cairns reports to GEM readers

well – the native Welsh speakers, English-language areas, and people who have moved here to live.

The Vale is a unique place, combining the beauty of the rural areas and the legacy of the stunning coastline, with our industrial history of coal exporting and the traditional miners' holidays to Barry Island in the sum-

mer. I was greatly encouraged to hear that many local businesses have already committed to supporting the Eisteddfod through sponsorship – from Lafarge in Aberthaw, to SiteServe in Llandow and Harris Pye Marine in Barry.

Fundraising within local communities right across the Vale has been a huge challenge for all involved, but well worth the effort as targets are being met.

Only last Saturday, I supported the popular and successful Hogaroc event in Penllyn as their event auctioneer.

There has been a kaleidoscope of events from sporting days out, themed evenings, fish and chip suppers and dog shows, to name but a few, which have helped raise essential funds.

I'd urge local traders and tourism providers to make sure that they plan ahead, to maximise all the opportunities presented by this week-long event.

I will also be pressing the local authority to ensure that all areas and towns around the Maes location are ship-shape

and looking their best. If you'd like to find out more about the opportunities available from stalls and bunting to tickets, you can contact the Eisteddfod office on 0845 4090 300.

With such an influx of visitors to the area it's vital that the significant increase in traffic is well-managed.

I know that the organisers and local authority officers have been working hard over the past few months to lessen any disruption to locals and visitors alike.

I would, however, urge the planners to consult with local farmers and businesses based in the western Vale, regarding their traffic plans and routes.

I'm really looking forward to a fantastic and unforgettable Eisteddfod this year.

It really needs to be, of course, to ensure the legacy of the festival in our community.

I'm convinced that the Eisteddfod will put the Vale on the map, not only in 2012, but for many years to come.

## 'Worn by you, loved by us' campaign

THE Tenovus cancer charity recently launched the campaign 'worn by you, loved by us' to encourage people to donate their unwanted clothes to their local Tenovus charity shop.

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# Carrying a Torch for the Bridgend entrepreneurs (WHO OFFER SOMETHING SPECIAL TO SHOPPERS)

**W**HEN it comes to deciding where to shop in Bridgend, there is a temptation to think of the town's central area, and then to look at the surrounding trading estates and retail parks.

That is often a mistake, and it is cer-

tainly the case for people approaching Bridgend from the Ewenny area via Nolton Street.

Anyone whose mind is already made up will miss a considerable amount of retail activity, and a wide range of goods and services may pass un-noticed.

The situation is probably exacerbated

in the evening, where Nolton Street can appear to be a collection of take-aways – but nothing could be further from the truth.

Wander up Nolton Street, and then on to Ewenny Road and Five Bells Road and you will find opticians, a travel agent, boutiques, fashion accessories, gift shops, cafes, jewellery shops, pharmacists, a dental practice, public houses, hairdressers, a delicatessen, furniture outlets, a cycle shop, sweet shop, a upvc window supplier and even a shop selling nothing but beads!

What's more, the eating establishments are by no means all take-aways.

### RELAXING MEAL

There are plenty of places to sit down and have a relaxed meal.

The street is also a home for social welfare organisations such as Mental Health matters and DASH, and the Bridgend MP, Madeleine Moon, has her constituency office in Nolton Street, too.

The area will cer-

tainly be noticed this coming Saturday (May 26) because it is one of a only a few stretches in Bridgend county borough where the Olympic torch will pass on foot (as opposed to in a bus!)

### TORCH ROUTE

Timings released by the local authority indicate that it should start its journey along Derwen Road and then Nolton Street at 2.40pm.

The torch bearers will then turn right at the traffic lights onto Cowbridge Road, before heading left to Bryntirion and Laleston.

Julian Gittings of Nolton Antiques said that Nolton Street was a good choice for the torch's journey.

He said: "Nolton comes from the Roman for 'old town' and this is the original Bridgend shopping area."

One new business is 'Ella Rileys' an old-fashioned sweet shop – recently repainted in bright pink, which was hardly the right colour for the previous tenant, the Army Recruitment unit!

In this case, the shop is just the tip of the iceberg, because the USP of this business is that they are manufacturing a much-loved old sweet – Riley's Toffee Rolls – which went out of production years ago.

However, the husband and wife team of Steve and Freya Bletsoe discovered the recipe about 10 years ago and started making the toffee rolls.

About six months ago they moved to south Wales and currently wholesale the product to customers around the UK.

Chris Heyns runs Wild About Beads with his wife Caroline, and they have been trading in Ewenny Road for three years.

Chris said that the key to being as successful as they had was in offering personal service and a huge range of stock. He added: "Sometimes, people come in and are just overwhelmed by the choice."

"As a result, we have customers who come from a wide area – from Barry to Carmarthen."

Of course, there

are quite a number of businesses that ply their trade as Ewenny Road makes its way out of town.

Christopher Designs decided two years ago to move from Llandow to a new unit on the Ogmore Road. 'EXCELLENT PLACE'

The owner, Christopher Rowbottom, told The GEM that customers enjoyed combining a visit to the store with a trip to the countryside.

"He said: "We traded in Llandow for more than 20 years, but this is an excellent place to do business."

Shoppers can get lazy. They get in the car and travel a well-worn path to their usual haunt.

Little do they realise that there are vibrant, innovative businesses out there offering personal service – and that something extra!

Bridgend has more than its fair share of keen entrepreneurs who have something different to offer.

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PHILIP IRWIN



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Meet the people of the area



Julie Hughes, of 'Interiors'.



ABOVE: Chris and Caroline Heyns, of Wild About Beads.



Where did you get that hat? Julian Griffiths, of Nolton Antiques.



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# Murch Junior School triumph in the Vale Council safety quiz

**PUPILS** at Murch Junior School in Dinas Powys are celebrating - after being crowned Road Safety Quiz Champions for 2012, following victory over fellow first-time finalists Cogan Primary School in Penarth at the Docks Office in Barry.

Hosted by the Vale Council's Road Safety Team, the team of four year-6 pupils from Murch held off a concerted effort from Cogan's finest in a keenly fought, nerve-wracking and very competitive final.

Qualifying rounds were undertaken in nearly all of the Vale Primary Schools using the popular electronic technology of 'Quizdom', in which pupils had four rounds of multiple-choice questions to answer on their remote control keypads, all recorded by computer, followed by a written question decider.

Both Murch and Cogan achieved the highest possible score of

50 marks out of 50 in the earlier rounds.

Pendoylan (the 2007 and 2010 champions) came tantalisingly close again with 49 points, while Llanfair (2009 and 2011 runners-up) and St Illtyd in Llantwit Major both did themselves proud with a magnificent 48 points.

Other notable scores were recorded by Victoria Primary with 47 points - and three-time winners Evenlode and St Athan Primary School both earned a superb 46.5 points.

The final itself was played with buzzers for each team member. Individual, team and 'fingers on buzzers' questions made up the 10 rounds that each team faced - all based on their knowledge of the Young Person's Highway Code.

Both finalist teams received gift vouchers plus a commemorative plaque each.

The winners, Murch, also received £200 for their school and a magnificent glass trophy, with £100 going to the runners-up Cogan.



ABOVE: Victorious Murch pupils Jamie Locke Jones, Hannah Lewis, Kate Brown, and Katie Jackson with their trophy.

## 'Chapel on Hill' reaches milestone Mount Pleasant members celebrate 125th anniversary

**MEMBERS** and friends of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Barry, are celebrating the church's 125th birthday this weekend.

Reverend Ken Iveson, who succeeded Reverend Brian Pemberton almost 10 years ago, told The GEM that the anniversary had arrived at a particularly opportune time because the church had been refurbished.

The Rev Iveson told The GEM: "Mount Pleasant Baptist Church members are about to celebrate 125 years of Christian witness at their 'Chapel on Hill'."

"The church was established in May 1887, and was named Mount Pleasant, and situated off the end of Court Road in Cadoxton in the street bearing the same name.

"The chapel was the

English branch of the Welsh speaking Philadelphia Church, the ruins of which can be seen in the 'old village' in Cadoxton."

This May 26 and May 27, a thanksgiving weekend is planned.

First, on Saturday May 26, the church is hosting an open day and flower festival from 10am to 4pm.

The Reverend Iveson said: "We are hoping that many friends of Mount Pleasant, past and present, will join us to share their memories and renew friendships."

"In the church hall there will be photographic displays depicting the history of the church and, more recently, its complete refurbishment."

"There will also be activities for the children including face painting."

"Refreshments will be served throughout the day and at 7pm there will

be a time of praise and worship and an opportunity to reflect on the importance of God's Word."

"On Sunday, May 27, a family service will be held at 10.30am in the hall and a worship serv-

ice at 6pm in the church, when it is hoped that old friends will take the opportunity to join with the current congregation."

## Vale Ramblers in the steps of the pilgrims

**THE** Vale of Glamorgan Ramblers spring weekend away had been arranged in conjunction with Cresta Coaches, and Ian Frazer and Margaret Scott of the Ramblers.

We made our way down to Portsmouth, where we caught the ferry to the Isle of Wight.

Shanklin was to be our base for three days.

Saturday dawned bright and early, and 25 eager walkers were looking forward to either a 12-mile or six-mile walk, part of the Isle of Wight Walking Festival.

On arriving at Carrisbrooke Castle, we were told that the walk had actually started. The leader doubled

Sunday saw the group making their way to Ventnor for the start of the eight-mile walk titled 'A pilgrimage to the Holy Wells', taking in the coastline, and going through the Botanical Gardens in Ventnor.

For further information about walks visit the Facebook page, or: www.valeofglamorgan-ramblers.co.uk. GF

## TOP CHEFS AT TY HAFAN

**CHILDREN** and staff at Ty Hafan were treated to a gourmet lunch last week, courtesy of two Michelin-star Welsh chefs, Roger Jones and Richard Davies.

Roger, who runs The Harrow at Little Bedwyn in Wiltshire, is no stranger to the children's hospice, having visited earlier this year.

Richard is Executive Chef at the Manor House in Cardiff.

Both have been involved in the popular 'Chef's Night Out' event for the last two years, which has raised funds for Ty Hafan.

Of course, families who stay at Ty Hafan have beautiful home-cooked food every day provided by resident chef Jayne Jones and her team, but it was just as

exciting for them to share their kitchen with such highly regarded chefs.

"It was such an honour to work alongside two Michelin star chefs," commented Jayne, "and the food they produced was amazing. It was really kind of them to spare their time to come along again."

"On behalf of everyone at Ty Hafan, I would like to thank Roger and his team for their continued support."

On the menu was a choice of fresh shrimp and avocado roll or white truffle and pea risotto with Wye Valley asparagus for starters.

The main course was either confit of free range Norfolk chicken with morels and mash, or roast Cornish monkfish with chorizo and vine tomato ragout.

## 'Barry must get in the Zone' - MP

**VALE MP**, Alun Cairns, has insisted that Barry must join St Athan as part of the new Enterprise Zone in the Vale.

He said he hoped the Minister for Business, Edwina Hart, would visit the town to see its potential.

Mr Cairns said: "The case for Barry as an Enterprise Zone is convincing, with strong support from residents and businesses alike."

"I will continue to press the Welsh Government to extend the area to include Barry - to help regenerate the area and attract new employers."

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Art critique

ON May 31, Cowbridge Art Society will hold a critique of members' paintings by Leslie Dearn, a full time artist, who has exhibited throughout south Wales and specialises in seascapes and people, from figure, life and nude drawing to party people and dancers.

She is also a freelance arts coordinator delivering creative workshops, life drawing classes, drawing courses, art talks and organising arts events.

The society meets at the Old Hall, High Street, Cowbridge (from 7pm-9pm) and for a small fee, visitors are welcome.

For further details, see: www.thecowbridgeartsociety.com.

### GEM winners

THE following were GEM winners in our recent Beyond the Border competition.

Mark Stevens of Barry and Helen Hobrough of Barry each won a family ticket.

Tony Francis, Bridgend, and Bethan James, Cowbridge, each won a pair of adult evening tickets for the popular St Donats event.

Congratulations! Watch out for more exciting competitions in The GEM.

# Another outstanding concert from Cowbridge male choir

Photographs by MIKE WILCOCK



**THE Cowbridge Male Voice Choir held its annual concert at the Cowbridge Leisure Centre on Saturday, May 19.**

Unsurprisingly, given the reputation of the choir, there was a capacity audience.

The skilled and humorous compere for the evening was choir member Jon Wilks. He reminded us that the majority of the choir's public performances are in support of charitable causes.

During the last year, he said, the choir had raised £20,000 for various charities and, since its inception, it has raised approximately half a million pounds.

The choice of music prepared for the choir to perform by the musical director, Shelley Thomas-Brown and the accompanist, Sandra Williams, was eclectic and inspirational.

The choir's excellent performance of these

pieces was enthusiastically applauded by the audience. (I am convinced that the applause for my favourite 'Morte Criste' was especially loud!)

The talent displayed during the evening by the choir, the musical director and the accompanist was remarkable.

An added bonus to the evening was the excellent performance of Adam J Gilbert, one of the country's most promising young baritones.

His talent and versatility has already won him much acclaim and he no doubt has a very exciting future ahead of him. His accompanist Emma Arscott was also outstanding.

Looking at the faces of the audience and listening to their applause at the end of the concert, there was no doubting the fact that the Cowbridge Male Voice Choir's annual concert was a resounding success.

OLIVIA OBAID

## Win a night at the theatre !



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Judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into. Good luck!



ABOVE (left to right): Sandra Williams, Emma Arscott, Adam J Gilbert and Shelley Thomas-Brown.



Some of the civic guests.

## DINAS CLUB WELCOMES THE OLYMPIC TORCH



**MEMBERS of the Dinas Powys Lawn Tennis Club are planning to welcome the Olympic torch when it comes to the village at about 7am on Saturday (May 26).**

They plan to line part of the route and hold up letters spelling out the name of their club, which was founded more than 100 years ago.

The Olympic torch is being carried through Dinas Powys by Rhys Jenkins from Penarth.

It overlooks the common and has 12 courts, a large clubhouse and car park.

The members organise a lively

social programme, which this year includes an Olympian barbecue and fun events on July 21, to mark the start of the Olympics.

After their early start on Saturday, the tennis players will have breakfast at the club and then enjoy some mini Olympic games.

**INDOOR BOOT SALE**  
THERE will be an indoor boot sale on Saturday, May 26, at St Athan Community Centre.

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# Spitfire wings its way back for Wartime Weekend



A Spitfire on King Square in Barry during World War II

**THE Wartime Weekend on Barry Waterfront and Barry Island Station on June 16-17 will see a full-size Spitfire fighter aircraft return to the town.**

The Barry at War History Group has been awarded Heritage Lottery Funding to pay for the replica of this iconic aircraft to make its journey from Lytham St Annes.

Spokesman Dr Jonathan Hicks said: "We are very grateful to the Heritage Lottery Fund for providing us with a grant to expand the scope of our Wartime Weekend. This funding means we can now pay tribute to the brave men and women of the RAF who served this country so valiantly throughout the Second World War."

"The full-size Spitfire will be the centrepiece of our WW2 RAF display. The Battle of Britain Pilots re-enactment group will be building a dispersal hut on the Hood Road site to complement the Spitfire, and for the first time in many years, the local public will be able to see a re-enactment of a Battle of Britain airfield."

"Barry and Penarth Air Cadets will also be in attendance and it will be a marvellous opportunity for them to sit in such an historic aircraft."

"During WW2 a real Spitfire was placed on King Square in Barry as part of a wartime fundraising drive and two plaques were later presented to the town. There was even a Spitfire named 'The Borough of Barry'."

During the Second World War, it was common place for individuals, towns, countries or representative groups of like minded people to 'buy' a piece of military hardware - fighter planes, bombers, tanks and so on.

The Ministry of War production set a nominal price for each type of equipment, which was less than the true production cost - but low enough to encourage take up of the idea, for morale purposes.



On June 7, 1943, a letter from the Minister of Aircraft production, Sir Stafford Cripps was received by the town clerk acknowledging a cheque for £5,112.

A photograph appeared in the local press on Friday, September 24, 1943, depicting the Borough of Barry Spitfire (a Mark Vb, serial W3234).

The Spitfire was presented to 611 (West Lancashire) Squadron Royal Auxiliary Air Force. It is understood that the Spitfire survived the war and at the end of hostilities it was 'Struck off Charge' (SOC) 27-9-45, after which it was scrapped.

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is a Wiltshire based RAF re-enactment team who keep the spirit of The Few and the Battle of Britain alive for future generations.

They have designed and built an RAF 1940s Dispersal Hut which is completely kitted out inside as it would have looked in the summer of 1940, with all the equipment and personal kit of a Spitfire pilot.

Their team consists of pilots, ground-crew, WAAFs and female mechanics.

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## Tory MP voices support for local police officers

**THE Home Secretary, Theresa May, recently received a frosty reception at the Police Federation Conference - over the 20 per cent budget cuts and proposed reforms - and Vale Conservative MP, Alun Cairns, says he has now written to her with his own concerns.**

Mr Cairns said: "I met the Police Federation Officer in Barry last month, and was pleased to meet a number of local officers based in the Vale, who attended the march."

"I have already raised their concerns with the Home Secretary, and will continue to keep up my dialogue with local officers to ensure that their issues are heard and fed into the consultation process following the Winsor Report."

"Policing is an essential public service, and I think that police officers should continue to be rewarded for the exceptional job they do."

Hundreds of police officers from the Vale joined the demonstration

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Wales, to be held in the Vale this August.

Both Sian and Chris, originally from Cowbridge, prepared a feast of dishes from *Prosciutto di San Danielle* and *Finnochiata*, *Mozzarella di Bufala* to slow roast lamb shoulders with braised fennel and butter beans, Aioli and potatoes.

Canapés and cocktails were prepared by the highly-acclaimed Joe Rowson, head chef of one of Cowbridge's finest restaurants, Arboreal.

The event, co-hosted by singer Shân Cothi



and Stifyn Parri, TV presenter, featured the award winning Côr Dydd and jazz from DJ Andy Powell.

Elena Griffin, event organiser, said: "It was a fabulous evening which raised almost £5,000 for the Eisteddfod."

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DAETH dros 100 o westeion i Gastell Fonmon dros y penwythnos i fwynhau gwledd o fwyd wedi ei baratoi gan dau o gogyddion disglair Llundain sef Sian Wyn Owen, prif

gogydd y River Cafe a Chris Gillard, prif gogydd St John, Smithfield – y ddau yn ddeiliad seren Michelin.

Paratowyd pryd tri chwrs gan Sian a Chris, y ddau yn enedigol o'r Bontfaen, ar gyfer y gwesteion gyda Canapés a choctels wedi eu paratoi gan Joe Rowson, prif gogydd bwyty Arboreal yn y Bontfaen.

Gyda'r gantores Shân Cothi a'r cyflwynydd Stifyn Parri yn cyflwyno'r noson cafwyd perfformiadau gwfreiddiol gan Gôr Dydd a Andy Powell ac yn ôl Elena Griffin, trefnydd y noson: "mi oedd o'n noson wych llwyddodd i godi bron £5,000 i'r Eisteddfod."

Welsh phrase of the week/Ymadrodd yr wythnos:

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## Jubilee for the Queen - and the whole of Britain

In a few days' time, the United Kingdom will be celebrating the Diamond Jubilee - marking the Queen's reign of 60 years.

The centrepiece of the celebrations takes place in a few days time - from Saturday, June 2 to Tuesday, June 5.

It is not the first time a British monarch has

reached the illustrious milestone. The first Diamond Jubilee was celebrated by Queen Victoria in 1897.

Queen Elizabeth II acceded to the throne on February 6, 1952.

As Princess Elizabeth, she was on a royal tour of Kenya and staying at 'Treetops', a treehouse in Kenya's Aberdare National Park, when the course of British history was changed.

News reached the

royal party that George VI had died in his sleep, and it led to the poetic line 'She went up the tree a Princess and came down a Queen'.

The tour was abandoned and the Princess flew back to Britain, to be greeted by the Prime Minister, Winston Churchill.

In our hectic 21st century age, it seems astonishing that the Queen's coronation did not take place for more than a

year. She was crowned on June 2, 1953 at Westminster Abbey.

Since that time, the Queen has honoured her coronation oath - serving not just the people of the United Kingdom, but also serving 16 other Commonwealth countries as head of state.

Silver and Golden Jubilees were held in 1977 and 2002 respectively.

Now we are approaching the central weekend of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations. So what is planned?

On Saturday, June 2 the Queen will join racegoers on the Epsom Downs for the Derby.

The next day, June 3, the 'Big Jubilee Lunch' event takes place. Building on the already popular Big Lunch initiative, people are encouraged to share lunch with neighbours and friends as part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

It may take the form of a traditional street party, or a picnic lunch in small or larger groups. The event is being organised by The Big Lunch and details are available



*Shops in Barry - such as Dr Bob's in High Street - are already getting the bunting and displays out in preparation for the Jubilee.*

online at [www.the-biglunch.com/](http://www.the-biglunch.com/).

The Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant takes place on the Thames and consists of up to 1,000 boats assembled from across the UK, the Commonwealth and around the world.

The Queen will travel in the Royal Barge which will lead the flotilla. On Monday, June 4, there is a BBC concert at Buckingham Palace, and the line-up includes Jessie J, JLS, Sir Elton John, Sir Tom Jones and Sir Paul McCartney.

The concert will take place in front of the palace, with the stage around the Victoria Monument and there will be seating for up to 20,000 people. Late in the evening, between 10pm and 10.30pm, Jubilee beacons will be lit across the country. The Queen will light the National Beacon in central London. On Tuesday, June 5, a service of thanksgiving and carriage procession takes place. The service is being held at St Paul's Cathedral. Commonwealth nations are also holding their own Jubilee events.

## Jubilee street parties in the Bridgend borough

JUBILEE street parties will take place in Bridgend county borough as follows:

Aldenhams Road, Porthcawl (from 1-17 Aldenhams Road) on June 4; Bristol Street, Aberkenfig (from 1-14 Bristol Street) on June 4; Brynglas Terrace, Caerau (from 1-25 Brynglas Terrace) on June 4; Caer Cynffig, North Cornelly (from 1-

25 Caer Cynffig) on June 5; Caer Wetrall, Kenfig Hill (from 1-11, Caer Wetrall) on June 4; Craiglas, Llangeinor (from 1-38, Craiglas) on June 2; De Clare Close, Porthcawl (from 6-14, De Clare Close) on June 5; De Londres Close, Porthcawl (from 1-16, De Londres Close) on June 3 or 4; Esplanade Avenue, Porthcawl (from junction of Blundell Avenue to Pavillion Court access) on June 4; Ffynnon Wen, North Cornelly (from cul-de-sac from 21-51 Ffynnon Wen) on June 4; Grove Road, Bridgend (from 10-84 Grove Road) on June 3; Heol West Plas, Coity (from junction of

Heol yr Eglwys to junction of Heol yr Eglwys) on June 3 or 4; Lewis Avenue, Bridgend (from 1-13 Lewis Avenue) on June 5; Llwyn Bedw, Pencoe (from 5-17 Llwyn Bedw) on June 4; Mayfield Avenue, Laleston (grass verge from 21-31 Mayfield Avenue) on June 5; St Christopher's Road, Bridgend (from 46-52 St Christopher's Road) on June 4; St Michaels Road, Porthcawl (17 St Michaels Road) on June 5; The Dell, Bryncethin (from 1-12 The Dell) on June 3; Woodside Avenue, Litchard (whole road) on June 3.

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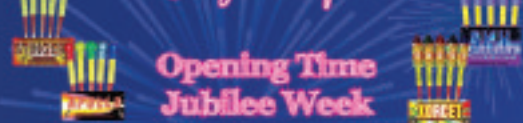
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## Cowbridge set for a right royal party!

**N**EVER a town to miss an opportunity to celebrate, Cowbridge is planning 'The BIG Cowbridge Community Jubilee Celebration' on Tuesday, June 5 from 1pm until 5pm.

St Hilary and Llanblethian are also holding events later on, so that the celebrations can extend over the whole weekend. Cowbridge Library has a 'design a bunting' competition for 4-12 year olds, which will be displayed in the library, and the closing date for the competition is Saturday (May 26).

As the BIG community event covers three venues, bunting is needed, and several people have started making it!

The venues are The Old Hall Gardens, The Physic Garden and Church Street.

All local groups are invited to take part in the Jubilee celebrations, there are opportunities to have exhibit, run a stall or to showcase musical, or other talents.

We invite people to come along and join in the festivities.

Festivities start at 1pm with stalls in Old Hall grounds, as well

as crafts, crown making, willow garland weaving, hat 'up-cycling,' at 1.30pm there will be a taste of buggy exercise.

At around 2.15pm, there will be maypole dancing to watch and join in.

Throughout the afternoon, there will be music, storytelling and guided walks and talks on the physic garden, town walls, and transition gardens. The bell ringers will ring a full peal of bells from Holy Cross tower.

At 3.15pm, a procession will start, led by trumpets and an alternative king and queen to Church

Street, where the street tea party will commence at 3.30pm. We are very grateful to the residents of Church Street who have given consent to the road closure for the afternoon so that the party can go ahead.

The tea party will be a bring and share event, so please bring a plate of sandwiches and or cake to share and a tea cup!

Entertainment will follow the tea party with music in Church Street.

There is definitely something for everyone and the party will draw to a close at around 5pm, when any

help clearing up will be welcomed!

So to take part in this 'majestic' event! Just turn up on the 5th, it is all free of charge;

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### Dinas Powys Olympic Torch Relay Saturday 26 May, 7am - 7:10am



Suzie Colling



Sean Allen



Harry Carter

## Torchbearers

Around 30 inspirational local people have been selected to carry the flame, each running for 300m. They have all been given the honour in recognition of their achievements in life and the impact they have made in their communities. Some of them are charity champions, some are inspiring children to get involved in sport, while others are to be admired for the way they have overcome adversity.

Some high-profile torchbearers may also be carrying the flame. You can read the stories behind the Vale's torchbearers online at [www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/olympics](http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/olympics). You can also keep up to date with all the news, including on the day of the Torch Relay by following @valesportsnews on Twitter.



### Barry & Barry Island Olympic Torch Relay Saturday 26 May, 7:16am - 8:50am



Pupils from Barry Island Primary School will be among those giving the flame a huge welcome this Saturday!

## Torch Route Timings

### Dinas Powys

07:00 - Starts on Cardiff Road alongside Eastbrook Train Station.  
07:10 - Finishes on Cardiff Road alongside Dinas Powys Train Station.

### Barry and Barry Island

07:16 - Starts on Cardiff Road at junction with Palmerston Road.  
07:24 - Turns right under the bridge on to Gladstone Road.  
07:27 - Turns left on to Holton Road for uphill section.  
07:35 - Passes along pedestrian zone of Holton Road.  
07:44 - Continues on to Broad Street and passes Barry Station.  
07:55 - Veers left on to Harbour Road.  
08:05 - Continues on to Station Approach Road next to Barry Island Station.  
08:07 - Relay turns right on to Friars Road.  
08:09 - Relay turns right on to Paget Road and then back on to Harbour Road.  
08:17 - Steep uphill on St Nicholas' Road.  
08:23 - Relay reaches Park Crescent.  
08:26 - Relay continues on to Jenner Road.  
08:35 - Turns left on to Colcot Road and passes Barry College and Barry Hospital.  
08:47 - Turns right on to Port Road East.  
08:50 - Finishes on Port Road East at junction with Pleasant View.

Please note that these timings are estimates and may change slightly on the day.

## Line the streets!

Please note that the Olympic Torch will be in convoy mode between 7:10am and 7:16am, and the flame will not be visible during that time. Slight delays are expected as the torchbearers make their way through the towns. Any inconvenience and disruption for businesses and residents will be kept to a minimum as road closures are timed to follow the torch on its route.

Spectators who are driving are advised to make sure they plan ahead and arrive at their destinations in plenty of time to avoid being caught up in these traffic arrangements so that they don't miss the torch passing through.

## Free Family Events

Following the London 2012 Olympic Torch Relay, two free family events are being held by the Vale of Glamorgan Council to keep the Olympic spirit in full flow for the rest of the day. A Free Beach Sports Party will be held at Barry Island between 9am and 2pm where you can see some sporty demonstrations such as football freestyling and have a go at a series of Olympic sports including beach volleyball and basketball. Further Olympic sports such as fencing and tennis will also be on offer at a Street Olympics morning on King Square, Barry town centre, between 9am and 12pm. To find out more please call Sarah Jones on 01446 704737.

**VALE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS****FULL RESULTS FROM MAY 3**

\* Labour - 22 \* Welsh Conservatives - 11 \* Independents - 3 \* Llantwit  
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| AVIET-FRASSINELLI | Julie          | Welsh Lab           | 421 |         |
| BAKER             | Paul George    | Welsh Conservatives | 512 |         |
| EVANS             | Barrie         | Independent         | 471 |         |
| FOURACRE          | Dominic Lewis  | Welsh Conservatives | 444 |         |
| HODGES            | Nicholas Peter | Plaid               | 776 | ELECTED |
| TRICKEY           | Michael        | Welsh Lab           | 498 |         |
| WILIAM            | Steffan Trefor | Plaid               | 800 | ELECTED |

**BUTTRILLS**

|           |                 |                     |     |         |
|-----------|-----------------|---------------------|-----|---------|
| ALEXANDER | Margaret        | Welsh Lab           | 742 | ELECTED |
| BLAKEMAN  | Stephen         | Plaid               | 388 |         |
| BURLEY    | Thomas Douglas  | Welsh Conservatives | 197 |         |
| EGAN      | Stuart          | Welsh Lab           | 690 | ELECTED |
| GREEN     | David Jonathan  | Independent         | 138 |         |
| HARVEY    | Michael Raymond | Welsh Conservatives | 172 |         |
| JOHNSON   | Ian James       | Plaid               | 420 |         |

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|          |                 |                     |      |         |
|----------|-----------------|---------------------|------|---------|
| BERTIN   | Rob             | Independent         | 387  |         |
| BRUCE    | Gillian         | Welsh Conservatives | 450  |         |
| BRYANT   | Martin Geoffrey | Plaid               | 289  |         |
| BUMFORD  | Andrew John     | Plaid               | 271  |         |
| BURNS    | Dawn Marie      | Welsh Conservatives | 259  |         |
| DAVIES   | Lewis Jordan    | Welsh Conservatives | 442  |         |
| JOHNSON  | Fred            | Labour              | 1108 | ELECTED |
| MOORE    | Anne            | Labour              | 1143 | ELECTED |
| MOORE    | Neil            | Labour              | 1105 | ELECTED |
| ROWLANDS | Leighton        | Welsh Conservatives | 422  |         |

**CASTLELAND**

|           |        |                     |     |         |
|-----------|--------|---------------------|-----|---------|
| DRAKE     | Pamela | Labour              | 683 | ELECTED |
| ELMORE    | Chris  | Labour              | 718 | ELECTED |
| SHAW      | Barry  | Plaid               | 377 |         |
| STOCKDALE | Keith  | Plaid               | 347 |         |
| TRAHERNE  | Sophie | Welsh Conservatives | 78  |         |
| VIDAL     | Sadie  | Welsh Conservatives | 83  |         |

**CORNERSWELL**

|        |          |                     |     |         |
|--------|----------|---------------------|-----|---------|
| BIRCH  | Rhiannon | Labour              | 796 | ELECTED |
| CHICK  | Damian   | Liberal Democrats   | 64  |         |
| FRASER | John     | Welsh Conservatives | 376 |         |
| JAMES  | Luke     | Plaid               | 308 |         |
| KING   | Peter    | Labour              | 698 | ELECTED |
| LEWIS  | Osian    | Plaid               | 282 |         |
| TURNER | Dorothy  | Welsh Conservatives | 350 |         |

**COURT**

|          |          |                     |     |         |
|----------|----------|---------------------|-----|---------|
| BERTIN   | Richard  | Independent         | 487 | ELECTED |
| BROOKS   | Bronwen  | Labour              | 610 | ELECTED |
| KEMP     | Harriet  | Welsh Conservatives | 116 |         |
| KHAN     | Wahid    | Plaid               | 93  |         |
| LAWRENCE | John     | Plaid               | 136 |         |
| MORRIS   | Brian    | Labour              | 461 |         |
| WIGNALL  | Jonathan | Welsh Conservatives | 89  |         |

**COWBRIDGE**

|                  |          |                     |      |         |
|------------------|----------|---------------------|------|---------|
| BEAVEN           | Camilla  | Labour              | 920  |         |
| COX              | Geoffrey | Welsh Conservatives | 1334 | ELECTED |
| JARVIE           | Thomas   | Welsh Conservatives | 1232 | ELECTED |
| LLEWELLYN-MORGAN | Huw      | Plaid               | 572  |         |
| PARKER           | Andrew   | Welsh Conservatives | 1188 | ELECTED |
| STILL            | Alex     | Labour              | 854  |         |

**DINAS POWYS**

|           |             |                     |      |         |
|-----------|-------------|---------------------|------|---------|
| DAVIES    | Jill        | Labour              | 602  |         |
| DAVIES    | Terry       | Labour              | 537  |         |
| DRISCOLL  | Vince       | Welsh Conservatives | 1122 |         |
| FOXWELL   | Robert      | Welsh Conservatives | 1035 |         |
| FRANKS    | Christopher | Plaid               | 1515 | ELECTED |
| GILLIGAN  | Wendy       | Labour              | 522  |         |
| HARTREY   | Valerie     | Plaid               | 1418 | ELECTED |
| HATTON    | Keith       | Plaid               | 1265 | ELECTED |
| ROBERTSON | Andrew      | Welsh Conservatives | 970  |         |
| STREETER  | Nigel       | Welsh Conservatives | 1007 |         |
| WILLIAMS  | Christopher | Plaid               | 1223 | ELECTED |
| WILLIAMS  | John        | Labour              | 499  |         |

**DYFAN**

|          |            |                     |     |         |
|----------|------------|---------------------|-----|---------|
| COLLINS  | Amelia     | Plaid               | 135 |         |
| CURTIS   | Claire     | Labour              | 839 | ELECTED |
| KEMP     | Katherine  | Welsh Conservatives | 572 |         |
| POWELL   | Anthony    | Labour              | 755 | ELECTED |
| WILLIAMS | Robert     | Plaid               | 123 |         |
| WRIGHT   | Marguerita | Welsh Conservatives | 618 |         |

**GIBBONS DOWN**

|            |          |                     |     |         |
|------------|----------|---------------------|-----|---------|
| BROWN      | Marilyn  | Plaid               | 73  |         |
| CURTIS     | Rob      | Labour              | 787 | ELECTED |
| DAVIES     | Julia    | Welsh Conservatives | 102 |         |
| HARKUS     | Dennis   | Independent         | 301 |         |
| HEATHFIELD | Jeffrey  | Independent         | 300 |         |
| HUGHES     | David    | Welsh Conservatives | 105 |         |
| ROSSER     | Ingrid   | Plaid               | 76  |         |
| WILKINSON  | Margaret | Labour              | 754 | ELECTED |

**ILLTYD**

|           |             |                     |     |         |
|-----------|-------------|---------------------|-----|---------|
| BALL      | David       | Plaid               | 267 |         |
| CHARLES   | Janice      | Welsh Conservatives | 612 |         |
| DONOVAN   | John        | Independent         | 545 |         |
| DRYSDALE  | John        | Labour              | 745 | ELECTED |
| HAMILTON  | Howard      | Labour              | 883 | ELECTED |
| HAMPTON   | Tony        | Welsh Conservatives | 639 |         |
| HODGES    | Shirley Ann | Plaid               | 226 |         |
| LONGSTAFF | Kevin       | Plaid               | 162 |         |
| OSBORNE   | James       | Independent         | 475 |         |
| PROBERT   | Rhona       | Labour              | 726 | ELECTED |
| WILLIAMS  | Emlyn       | Welsh Conservatives | 599 |         |

**LLANDOUGH**

|         |        |                     |     |         |
|---------|--------|---------------------|-----|---------|
| EDMUNDS | Kate   | Labour              | 374 | ELECTED |
| GRAY    | Ben    | Welsh Conservatives | 178 |         |
| THOMAS  | Steven | Plaid               | 74  |         |

**LLANDOW/EWENNY**

|              |         |                     |     |         |
|--------------|---------|---------------------|-----|---------|
| BELLIN       | Wynford | Plaid               | 193 |         |
| SILVAN EVANS | Jean    | Labour              | 219 |         |
| THOMAS       | Ray     | Welsh Conservatives | 577 | ELECTED |

**LLANTWIT MAJOR**

|           |         |                     |      |         |
|-----------|---------|---------------------|------|---------|
| AUSTIN    | Ralph   | Welsh Conservatives | 759  |         |
| BATCHELOR | Matthew | Labour              | 471  |         |
| BEECH     | Amy     | Labour              | 502  |         |
| CLIFFORD  | John    | Welsh Conservatives | 813  |         |
| DENMAN    | Katie   | Labour              | 411  |         |
| DOWNE     | Russell | Welsh Conservatives | 544  |         |
| GANT      | Bob     | Welsh Conservatives | 536  |         |
| GEARY     | Keith   | Llantwit First Ind  | 1327 | ELECTED |
| HACKER    | Eric    | Llantwit First Ind  | 1603 | ELECTED |
| JOHN      | Gwyn    | Llantwit First Ind  | 2068 | ELECTED |
| PRICE     | Graham  | Labour              | 541  |         |
| STEPHENS  | Dafydd  | Plaid               | 269  |         |
| WILLIAMS  | Edward  | Llantwit First Ind  | 1490 | ELECTED |

**PETERSTON-SUPER-ELY**

|          |        |                     |     |         |
|----------|--------|---------------------|-----|---------|
| GILHOOLY | Eileen | Labour              | 223 |         |
| TRAHERNE | Rhodri | Welsh Conservatives | 653 | ELECTED |

**PLYMOUTH**

|            |         |                     |     |         |
|------------|---------|---------------------|-----|---------|
| ALEXANDER  | Tracey  | Labour              | 598 |         |
| CLUBB      | Sandra  | Plaid               | 202 |         |
| ELLIS      | David   | Liberal Democrats   | 153 |         |
| JONES      | Marc    | Plaid               | 202 |         |
| KELLY OWEN | Maureen | Welsh Conservatives | 939 | ELECTED |
| RAPIER     | Philip  | Labour              | 547 |         |
| WILLIAMS   | Clive   | Welsh Conservatives | 939 | ELECTED |

**RHOOSE**

|          |                    |                     |     |         |
|----------|--------------------|---------------------|-----|---------|
| CLARKE   | Philip             | Independent         | 882 | ELECTED |
| FAULKNER | Damian             | Labour              | 713 |         |
| JAMES    | Jeff               | Welsh Conservatives | 810 | ELECTED |
| KEMP     | Gordon Christopher | Welsh Conservatives | 727 |         |

**ST ATHAN**

|        |        |                     |     |         |
|--------|--------|---------------------|-----|---------|
| THOMAS | John   | Welsh Conservatives | 435 | ELECTED |
| TOKER  | Sandra | Labour              | 311 |         |

**ST AUGUSTINE'S**

|           |         |                     |     |         |
|-----------|---------|---------------------|-----|---------|
| APGLYN    | Niclas  | Plaid               | 217 |         |
| BURNETT   | Lis     | Labour              | 887 | ELECTED |
| CHURCH    | Paul    | Welsh Conservatives | 622 |         |
| ROBERTS   | Gwyn    | Labour              | 781 | ELECTED |
| SLAUGHTER | Anthony | Green Party         | 280 |         |
| WILLIAMS  | Sophie  | Welsh Conservatives | 615 |         |
| WILTON    | David   | Plaid               | 193 |         |

**ST BRIDES MAJOR**

|         |        |                     |     |         |
|---------|--------|---------------------|-----|---------|
| BOWERS  | Eric   | Labour              | 254 |         |
| PRESTON | Audrey | Welsh Conservatives | 480 | ELECTED |
| ROGERS  | Neil   | Green Party         | 172 |         |

**STANWELL**

|          |             |                     |     |         |
|----------|-------------|---------------------|-----|---------|
| BIRCH    | Janice      | Labour              | 666 | ELECTED |
| LLOYD    | Ken         | Welsh Conservatives | 309 |         |
| ROPER    | Adrian      | Plaid               | 152 |         |
| WILLIAMS | Christopher | Welsh Conservatives | 294 |         |
| WILSON   | Mark        | Labour              | 651 | ELECTED |

**SULLY**

|              |         |                     |     |         |
|--------------|---------|---------------------|-----|---------|
| ERNEST       | Anthony | Welsh Conservatives | 342 |         |
| HARDY        | Paula   | Labour              | 330 |         |
| MAHONEY      | Kevin   | UKIP                | 633 | ELECTED |
| MIRZA-DAVIES | Carolyn | Plaid               | 148 |         |
| PENROSE      | Bob     | Independent         | 876 | ELECTED |
| SHARPE       | Sarah   | Welsh Conservatives | 342 |         |

**WENVOE**

|           |          |                     |     |         |
|-----------|----------|---------------------|-----|---------|
| BIRD      | Jonathan | Welsh Conservatives | 599 | ELECTED |
| NATARAJAN | Kalpana  | Labour              | 217 |         |

## Walking festival in rural Vale was a great success!



ABOVE: Jane Hutt AM with Alan Wilson and the Castle, Court and Wells walkers. WITH the sun shining for the full three days of the Vale of Glamorgan Walking Festival, the Castle, Court and Wells Walk was well supported on Sunday, May 13, with 27 walkers joining up under Valeways Trustee Alan Wilson's leadership. Jane Hutt AM joined the walk, which started at Cowbridge car park behind the Town Hall. Many of the walkers had not enjoyed the pleasures of the Penllyn Estate and were "delighted" with the walk. The AM said: "It is wonderful that Valeways has organised this walking festival following the success of last year, with the volunteer walk leaders and supporters working hard throughout the weekend to give so many people such enjoyable walks in the beautiful Vale countryside. "Well done to all who organised the festival and thank you from all of us who enjoyed taking part!"

## Penarth Computer Club – what next?

**YOU cannot have missed the launch of Facebook onto the stock market, turning Mark Zuckerberg into a multi-billionaire at the age of 28.**

He is now one of the richest 25 people in the world; in eight years from setting up the company it has grown to serve 900 million users.

We must recognise that the spread of computers means we have to adjust our behaviour or suffer some unintended consequences. Take care when putting personal details on any social network site. (Identity theft; teenage party gate-crashers and so on).

Computers cannot be blamed for problems due to inappropriate use, just as car accidents are frequently due to poor driving, rather than the car itself.

The computer's 'black box' capability is available in cars. Car based computers can contribute to safer journeys. They can sound an alarm if the driver's eyelids droop due to tiredness. They can ensure that brakes do not lock and so help a controlled stop.

They can detect if the car is straying across lane markings and they can record information about what the engine is doing and what the dashboard instruments are showing.

It is now possible for such information to identify the root cause of an accident to be an individual's poor driving – with legal consequences.

If a driver uses a Sat-Nav that shows where the safety cameras are, at what point does society infer that this facility means that the driver is happy to exceed the legal speed limit as long as s/he will not get caught?

As a counterbalance, computers on main roads are being used to check average speeds over a long distance.

All these things give rise to privacy issues and cries of "Big Brother". Nevertheless, computers make more restrictive legislation easier to enforce. Number plate recognition means that valid insurance, MOT certification and road tax can be verified automatically.

If you buy a car with a keyless system for entry and ignition, be aware: manufacturers are combating a device that can be plugged into the diagnostic port and get the car's on-board computer to programme a chip in a blank fob and hence take control of the car. Be sure the car locks engage properly when you leave it. At least the criminals must break in first.

On a lighter note, if have an iPad, a case is on the market that means you can always make notes no matter how flat the battery – use the pen provided to write on the paper pad set into the cover that protects the screen. Nice touch, that. (Google 'Booquad').

And news that scientists can now 'unprint' a sheet of paper by using a laser to vaporise the toner forming the letters without ruining the paper for reuse, saving trees and carbon emissions. Whatever next?

The next meeting is on Tuesday, June 12 at All Saints Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth, at 8pm. We shall review our year so far and ask if we can do better. For more information, call 02920 708439.

**HOWARD DESMOND,**  
Chairman

### ADVERTISEMENT FEATURE

## Planning to buy a used car? Top tips shared!

**SO you've been saving your pennies and are in the market for a second hand car – unfortunately, it is all too easy to buy a car that has hidden faults or problems! Help yourself to avoid these pitfalls by reading this article!**

Always start the process of buying a used car with research. If you're in the market for a certain brand of car, research the vehicle type on the internet to find out the common problems, so that you can look for them when you go to see a car.

Also, research the trader selling the car you're considering; think about it, if a car sales forecourt advertises that they also do other services, such as mileage correction for example, the car may have been tampered with.

Similarly with those that offer DPf removal, it is worth checking whether you are buying a car that has had DPf issues; if the DPf has been removed, you may have emission issues in the future.

Another to watch out for is remapping; a non-standard map could cause issues in the future.

Therefore, you should always research the garage you are planning to buy the car from before handing over your hard earned cash.

There are some simple things to do that will help you to find the right car at the right price:

**Service history is more vital than you think** – The longevity of an engine depends on the maintenance it has received.

**Ask how many owners it's had** – Lots of owners means less value!

**How clean is the engine bay?** – If it's filthy it hasn't been serviced properly; leaves and grime are a sign that the car hasn't been looked after very well.

**Always pull the dipstick for yourself** – Check the colour of the oil and the smell; it shouldn't be black or smell burnt. Also check for emulsion

(mayonnaise style substance) on the oil cap, this could be an indication of overheating problems.

**Check the tyres** – Inspect the tyres for uneven wear; the car may need balancing and tracking or new tyres – not a big deal but something to negotiate on the price.

**How many keys are being supplied?** – It's not always easy to have a second key cut or programmed; on most modern cars it's expensive and in some cases a main dealer-only job. Insist that the trader supplies you with a second key as part of the sale.

**Look closely at the bodywork** – Check the joins of the panels for uneven or out of sync gaps; this could be a tell-tale sign that the car has had bodywork repairs in its past, it could even be an unrecorded accident-damaged vehicle.

A good test is to run a pound coin down the gap and see if the gap remains the same the whole way down.

**Hidden faults and gremlins** – Have an independent code scan within a week or two of buying the car before your warranty expires; a clever trader will have cleared the fault codes before you bought the car but a current fault is likely to throw a code within a week of driving.

Most garages offer a code scan these days; just make sure you pick a garage that isn't a trader so that they are unbiased.

**Never trust a car trader** – No matter how nice he may seem, how friendly and how honest; remember that it's his job to sell you the car and that his bonus depends on it, so he's bound to exaggerate the good and skip over anything else!

**Be sceptical and trust your gut instinct** – Question everything and if it seems too good to be true, it probably is!

**CLAIRE NICHOLLS,**  
PERMOVEO

## Menter y Fro appoints new business chief

**KEVIN DAVIES has been appointed business manager of Menter y Fro, which promotes the Welsh language in the Vale.**

He was chief executive of Menter Iaith Rhondda Cynon Taf, a sister organisation. Kevin comes from a farming family in Pembrokeshire and has worked for television and radio, both as a producer and presenter.

Menter y Fro is part of a network of organisations around Wales supporting and promoting the use of Welsh in their particular area.

Kevin said: "Bearing in mind that the National Eisteddfod, which takes place this year in the Vale, is only just round the corner, I foresee an exciting and promising future for the Welsh language in the area. It is inevitable that there will be even more demand for opportunities to use Welsh as a result, and I am very keen to help Menter y Fro meet this demand."

To find out more about the activities of Menter y Fro, visit the website: [www.menteryfro.com](http://www.menteryfro.com) or phone 01446 720600.

## Menter y Fro yn pendoi swyddog busnes

**MAE Kevin Davies wedi cael ei benodi yn swyddog busnes Menter y Fro, y fenter iaith ar gyfer Bro Morgannwg. Mae Kevin yn dod â llawer o brofiad gyda fe fel prif weithredwr Menter Iaith Rhondda Cynon Taf.**

Un o deulu ffermio yn Sir Benfro yw Kevin, ac mae e wedi gweithio i'r teledu ac i'r radio, yn gynhyrchydd ac yn gyflwynydd fel ei gilydd. Mae Menter y Fro yn bodoli er mwyn hybu a chefnogi defnydd o'r iaith Gymraeg ym Mro Morgannwg.

Meddai Kevin: "O gofio bod yr Eisteddfod Genedlaethol ar y gorwel ym Mro Morgannwg, rwy'n gweld dyfodol cyffrous a disglair i'r iaith Gymraeg yn y sir. Mae'n anochel y bydd hyd yn oed mwy o alw am gyfleoedd i ddefnyddio'r iaith Gymraeg o'r herwydd, ac rwy'n awyddus iawn i helpu Menter y Fro wrdd â'r galw hwn."

I wybod mwy am weithgarwch Menter y Fro, ewch i'r wefan: [www.menteryfro.com](http://www.menteryfro.com)

## LLANMIHANGEL, peaceful present, but a chilling past!

**THE quiet village of Llanmihangel is a small settlement 2½ miles from Cowbridge, which dates back to the medieval period.**

The village's appearance confuses, as it is a world apart from modern-day living, and has been classed as 'taking a step back in time'.

Llanmihangel is first documented in 1166 as a grange area and in the possession of John Norrays. Its stunning Grade II listed church, which is still lit up at night using oil lamps and candles, was first recorded in 1254 and built with Norman foundations.

Dedicated to St Michael and All Angels, it is furnished with a small font, stone benches in the porch, and a harmonium for musical accompaniment.

The church has a sense of peace and tranquility in its secluded surroundings. An 18th Century silver chalice is set on the south wall, and a holy well which was restored in 1707 by Sir Humphrey Edwin before his death in the same year.

Sir Humphrey's monument is set within the church, with his son Samuel (died 1722) and grandson, Charles, buried beside him.

Plas Llanmihangel was a fortified manor house. But evidence of its earlier existence was found in relation to the church which was constructed to serve the owners of the manor during

ancient times.

Prior to Sir Humphrey's occupation of the manor, the Thomas family had been living at Plas Llanmihangel during the 15th Century. They had links with the Herberts, Earls of Pembroke.

Leirez Thomas Ddu of Baglan made considerable changes to the manor during 16th Century, and it was during the outbreak of the Civil War that the estate accumulated extensive debt and the manor was sold to Sir Humphrey Edwin.

It was during 16th Century that the house was extended. Sir Humphrey was an outstanding citizen of the community, a wealthy nouveau-riche merchant and Lord Mayor of London.

He was knighted by King James II in 1697, and chosen as the Sheriff of London and Middlesex and Prince of Orange, (1690) before retiring live within the manor house in this charming village.

The beautiful gardens were his idea, and he named them 'The William and Mary Gardens', which included evergreens, orchards, and lines of yew trees with a pond.

The gardens are Grade II listed in the Register of Landscapes, Parks and Gardens of Special Interest in Wales. The grand garden once had a well and over 100 trimmed yew trees, in line with the fashion of the late 17th Century.

Today, just over 53 inhabitants live in the area, and Plas Llanmihangel is now a guest house.

Legendary tales from the turn of 15th Century relate to witchcraft and its 'evil' magic potions. It is thought that during

those dark times of desperation where hope came to folk in the form of such tonics, a local hearse was labelled a witch.

Hunted out by locals, they thrust an iron ring around her waist to single her out as 'evil', leading to her suicidal death by drowning in the pool. Her hazy image has been seen rising up from the depths of the water, only to disappear at the blink of an eye.

Could this ghostly apparition be the 'Lady of the Ring' the legendary heiress who took her earthly life away from misery?

The mystifying figure of a little green man with piercing green eyes conceals himself amongst the trees, hoping to prey on passers by. What could this frightful image be, and where would he have originated from?

The misty vision of another lady with long flowing locks has been identified walking around the woodland, particularly during stormy weather. She seems to dash hurriedly amongst the trees before vanishing into thin air.

But why would this ghostly person want to seek shelter in a world beyond her realm from a paradise beyond our understanding?

Haunting screams have been heard bellowing out from the hillside at the dead of night, yet no physical person is known to perform these chilling sounds.

Could this deafening echo be a chilling reminder of the perils of our past, or just tricks of the imagination?

Fact or fiction? Only you can decide...

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The GEM is in partnership with the Dog's Trust to find caring homes for animals in their charge at Bridgend Rehoming Centre (TELEPHONE: 01656 725219)

## Help May find a home!

**THIS WEEK: MAY is an eight-year-old Shar Pei cross. She is a fun-loving girl, who loves a fuss off those closest to her.**

She can be a little wary of new people, but once she trusts you she is a friend for life. She gets on with other dogs, and enjoys a run in the field with her friends, but would prefer to be the only dog in the home so she can be the centre of attention!

May is on medication for an eye condition, Dogs Trust will help with her medical bills for this.

She can live with children aged eight and over. If you would like to offer May a home, please pop in to Dogs Trust Bridgend, Court Colman, Pen-y-Fai, Bridgend, CF31 4NG, or call: 01656 725219.



## Lafarge provide Eisteddfod boost



Left to right: Lafarge's Ewenny quarry manager Roger Sheppard, Eisteddfod chief executive Elfed Roberts and Lafarge's Aberthaw Works manager James Kirkpatrick.

**A MAJOR donation from construction materials company Lafarge is helping National Eisteddfod organisers keep 'on track' in the build-up to this year's festival at Llandow.**

Through a partnership between Lafarge's cement works at Aberthaw and its stone quarry at Ewenny near Bridgend, the company is donating over £10,000 worth of stone for the construction of the road and access ways around the Maes, establishing Lafarge as one of the major 'gold' sponsors.

Eisteddfod chief executive explained: "We are delighted that Lafarge has come on board as a major sponsor and partner.

"This donation of material and the expertise Lafarge brings with it in terms of the use of the stone, will make a major difference to the event, especially with our unpredictable Welsh weather!"

Aberthaw Works manager James Kirkpatrick adds: "In addition to providing the material with which to construct the main site road, we will also have a presence in the Eisteddfod Science Pavilion.

"This will give us an opportunity to demonstrate the science behind Lafarge's manufacturing processes and raise the profile of construction materials as an important industry for the future."

For more information go to: [www.eisteddfod.org.uk](http://www.eisteddfod.org.uk).

# AFC Colcot are the champions!

AFC COLCOT were crowned champions of the Vale of Glamorgan amateur football league premier division with one game to spare last weekend after an outstanding display against Rhose-based rivals Cardiff Airport.

It was the third encounter between the teams in as many weeks, with both sides meeting in the finals of the ASRS Cup and Barry Cup respectively. Colcot had drawn first blood in the

trilogy of clashes as they ran out 1-0 winners of the ASRS cup, with a 30-yard free-kick from defender Shane Campbell the only difference in an otherwise tight affair.

However, Airport would only have to wait a week to get their revenge as they overcame a two goal deficit at Jenner Park to defeat Colcot 4-2 in the final of the prestigious Barry Cup.

The third fixture was destined to be a real humdinger of a tie, with Airport knowing that they needed at least a win to keep their hopes of winning the league alive,

and Colcot knowing that a win for them would make it a mathematical impossibility to be caught at the top of the league, hence making them champions.

There was a lot at stake, and the game didn't disappoint!

It only took six minutes for the deadlock to be broken – and in an extraordinary fashion. Some excellent interlinking play along the right flank between Nathan Donnelly and Ryan Lawlor saw the latter deliver the ball in to his brother, Daniel Lawlor, who adjusted his body at the edge of the penalty

area to meet the cross with an overhead kick.

Cardiff Airport's goalkeeper hardly moved as the ball flew into the bottom right corner and it was 1-0 to Colcot.

Cardiff Airport looked rattled, but from the restart they immediately looked to level the scoreline – and they didn't have to wait long, as on ten minutes they found the net with a looping shot which defied Colcot 'keeper Matty Evans to find the net.

Colcot drove forward in numbers as they sought to regain the lead, and on 39 minutes they did. Once again, some fine work along the right-hand flank saw the ball delivered in to Daniel Lawlor, whose headed-flick fell to his attacking colleague Nathan Donnelly to drive home from close-range for 2-1 Colcot.

Uplifted, the home side then added to their lead two minutes later as Airport conceded a foul in the Colcot half.



AFC Colcot celebrate one of the club's greatest ever seasons.

The resulting free kick was taken by Shane Campbell, who stroked the ball almost 60 yards into Cardiff Airport's penalty area with deadly accuracy.

The ball was met by Osborne, who rose taller than his Airport counterparts to head the ball into the top right corner with aplomb.

Colcot looked confident, and on 70 minutes they extended their lead to 4-1 after some fine attacking play as David

Kavanagh thumped the ball from almost 30 yards into the bottom right corner.

From the restart, Cardiff Airport continued to push forward in an attempt to re-establish a presence within the tie, and on 75 minutes their efforts were rewarded with a penalty.

Airport converted the spot-kick to narrow the scoreline to 4-2.

At the final whistle, the victorious Colcot players, managers and

fans were typically vociferous in their celebrations, making no secret of their delight in having secured their status as

champions of the Vale of Glamorgan Premier Division.

Man of the match: Geraint Osborne.

## THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990 Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995

### Development that may affect a Conservation Area / Datblygu a allai effeithio ar Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2012/00443/FUL  
Proposal/Cynnyg: Convert an existing Grade 2 terraced property comprising of 3 dwellings into a pair of semi detached dwellings and extension to side 1, 2 and 3, The Butts, Cowbridge

Location/Lleoliad: Cowbridge  
Conservation Area/ Ardal Gadwraeth: Cowbridge

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2012/00455/FUL  
Proposal/Cynnyg: Conversion of existing retail premises to 1 No. 4 bed townhouse, and construction of 4 no. 3 bed townhouses in existing service yard/carpark, all with associated car parking and private amenity space, in a secure gated Mews Development

Location/Lleoliad: The Old Post Office, 61/63, Eastgate, Cowbridge  
Conservation Area/ Ardal Gadwraeth: Cowbridge

### Listed Building Consent / Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2012/00446/LBC  
Proposal/Cynnyg: Convert an existing Grade 2 terraced property comprising of three dwellings into a pair of semi detached dwellings and extension to side 1, 2 & 3, The Butts, Cowbridge

Location/Lleoliad: Grade II  
Listed Building/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2012/00452/LBC  
Proposal/Cynnyg: Conversion and repair to Cornmill and Barn for conversion of barns to holiday let accommodation

Location/Lleoliad: Llanmihangel Cornmill and Barn, Llanmihangel  
Listed Building/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade I

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2012/00463/LBC  
Proposal/Cynnyg: To remove remains of infilling wall and replace with gates to make way for a parking space

Location/Lleoliad: Plymouth House East, Dimlands Road, Llantwit Major  
Listed Building/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II

### Application(s) of General Interest / Ceisiadau o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2012/00327/FUL  
Proposal/Cynnyg: Waste recovery and recycling process or processes in respect of motor vehicles, refrigerators, computers and allied items

Location/Lleoliad: The Mill, Chapel Farm, Port Road, Rhose

### May affect a Public Right of Way/ Gall effeithio ar Hawl Tramwy Cyhoeddus

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Details may be inspected for 21 days at the address given below, or via

Gall manylion eu harchwilio am 21 diwrnod yn y cyfeiriad a roddir isod, neu drwy [www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk](http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk)

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## VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 – Section 82 VACANCY FOR LAY MEMBER OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Do you want to know more about the way the  
Vale of Glamorgan Council's finances operate?  
Could you offer a strong and independent voice on  
the Council's financial affairs?

Are you interested in local government and want to  
play a role in scrutinising how it works?

The Vale of Glamorgan Council is looking for a citizen to sit as an independent member of its Audit Committee. The Audit Committee is important because it:

- reviews, scrutinises and issues reports and recommendations in relation to the Council's financial affairs
- reviews, scrutinises and issues reports and recommendations on the Authority's risk management, internal control and corporate governance arrangements
- oversees its audit arrangements and reviews its financial statements.

It is also possible that other relevant functions will be given to its Audit Committee.

The Council wants to appoint one lay member, with the initial appointment to be for a period of 12 months. Applications are invited from anyone who would be interested in this position. In order to be eligible applicants should:

- be independent of the Council
- recognise and understand the value of the audit function
- have no business connection with the Council
- have knowledge of how local government functions
- display independence of thinking and unbiased attitudes.

When making the appointment, the Council will consider:

- your political independence
- your ability to meet the time commitment involved
- your ability to understand and weigh up evidence
- your understanding of local government.

If you believe you meet the above requirements and are interested in becoming a lay member of the Audit Committee of the Vale of Glamorgan Council you should forward a letter of application "In Confidence" to the Council's Monitoring Officer at the address below explaining your suitability for the post, together with two references by no later than 8th June, 2012. All applications will be judged on merit. Individuals who previously expressed an interest will be considered, subject to the submission of a letter of application and references.

The successful candidate will be entitled to receive a daily fee of £198 (£99 for half day) for attending meetings of the Audit Committee (payments to be capped at a maximum of ten full days per year).

The Council is an equal opportunities employer and provider of services and welcomes applications from women, young people, disabled people and people from ethnic minorities.

It is intended that interviews will take place in June 2012. The successful applicant will be expected to take up their appointment immediately.

The Monitoring Officer  
Vale of Glamorgan Council  
Civic Offices  
Holton Road  
Barry



## Tough grading for Rising Sun

RECENTLY, 10 students from the Rising-Sun Kyokushin Karate Club took part in a grading at Aberdare Sports Centre.

They endured a grueling three hours, and seven of the students were successful in passing to their next grade.

Senior students Tom Dalton attained 10th kyu and Des Brown 7th kyu. The junior students Max Ladrner and Maddie Barratt (10th kyu), Ciaran Kerr (9th kyu), George Cocks (7th kyu) and Gabe Brown (6th kyu).

After completing the day's events, the majority of the club went away with a feeling of achievement, and some knowing that extra hard work was needed at the dojo for the next grading in July.

The club's two instructors, brothers Lee and Spencer Bennett, will both be competing

abroad within the next couple of weeks. Sempai Spencer Bennett will fight at the Yamburg Cup in Russia and the top prize is 10,000 Euros.

Spencer said: "This will be my toughest test so far. It doesn't get any harder in our sport than going to Russia to fight full contact Kyokushin. The Russians in our sport are like machines and just keep going and going!"

Sensai Lee Bennett is competing in the European Championships in Italy. Lee's goal is to attain a better position than his last attempt in 2001, fifth overall.

The Rising-Sun Kyokushin Karate Club's dojo is at the Samurai Centre, Savoy Buildings, Broad Street, Barry. For more information visit: [www.rising-sun-kyokushin.co.uk](http://www.rising-sun-kyokushin.co.uk), or call Lee on 07861699476.

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## VALE SECONDS COME SO CLOSE

PAUL GILBERT was the star as Vale CC Second XI made a spirited attempt to chase down a daunting target when they visited Malpas last weekend.

The home side reached 273 for 2 and Vale fell 13 runs short on 260 for 6. Gilbert reached 71 not out, his highest score for the Vale and by far his finest innings.

The start was delayed as heavy overnight rain left the wicket very wet. With the match reduced to 45 overs, acting Vale skipper Carl Brooks sent the home side in on winning the toss.

After a solid but wicketless start by opening bowlers James Walsh and Luke James, the Malpas top two soon found the slow pitch and the very short square boundary on one side very much to their liking. Posting 115 for the first wicket, the aggressive Marcotis

finally fell for 75 to Martin Scott's increasingly effective off spin.

Despite Gilbert picking up the other opener Simmons for 50 with his first ball, Watts and Mason took the home side to an imposing total.

Walsh and Scott were the pick of the bowlers, well supported in the difficult conditions by James and Tom Johnson.

Brooks and Walsh then gave Vale a solid start, putting on 42 before Walsh departed, bowled working across a full toss.

Scott then joined Brooks in a well-paced stand of 60 before the skipper Carl Brooks sent the skipper was out for an airy and unconvincing 30.

Gilbert and Scott put the visitors in potential sight of a shock victory until Scott went for 67.

In reality, the home side probably had the game under control, and Gilbert's valiant effort was ultimately unrewarded.

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# Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan Schools' senior track and field championships

**After the disappointment of the cancellation of the opening fixture in the Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan Schools' summer track and field programme – because of the forecast heavy rain – it was a huge relief that the second fixture went ahead.**

The senior championships for sixth form students was held on a dry, sunny, but not wind free afternoon at Cardiff International Sports Stadium.

In recent years, Mrs Andrea Williams has brought students from Barry College to compete at this fixture, with some very encouraging results.

Mrs Williams was back again this year, but now with students from the newly formed Cardiff and Vale College, the result of the merger between Barry and Coleg Glan Hafren – though all the students competing came from the Barry end.

The pressures of the external examination system have had a major impact on the number of pupils taking part both in these championships and in the middle competition for years 10 and 11 – especially in the girls' events – with the numbers taking part now significantly down on what they once were.

Of the four Vale winners in the boys' competitions, it was Bradley Cole who produced the best set of results. In 2011, the Barry College student had won the hammer and the javelin with distances of 48.20 metres and 50.11 metres respectively.

This year, competing for Cardiff and Vale College, both of his winning distances were over the 50 metres mark – 50.52 in the hammer and 50.26 in the javelin – as he retained both titles, and took fourth in the discus.

Matthew Edwards has been in sparkling form over the country this winter and he carried that through to the track, over 1,500 metres. Despite the presence of the experienced year-13 Tom Davis (Porthcawl) in the field, Matthew took the race by the scruff of its neck and front ran a hugely encouraging win in four minutes, 6.26 seconds, a time that he will improve as the summer progresses.

There will be huge interest when he makes his debut in the 2,000 metres steeplechase later in the season.

It was good to see James Graves back in action in the 110 metres hurdles. Although the Bro Morgannwg year-13 will be disappointed

with his winning time – over 20 seconds – we hope that it will encourage him to keep competing when he goes off to study at university.

The fourth Vale winner was Joe Green (St Cyres), who claimed a win in the triple jump with a respectable 12.39 metres (best) and took fourth place in the 100 metres final.

Of the other Vale performances, the most encouraging were set by Anax da Silva (Cardiff NS Vale College). The former Cathays High pupil was a member of the Welsh Schools track and field teams at the SIAB Schools under-17 international and the Sainsbury's UK School Games last summer.

Competing over 100 metres and for the sprint relay team, he ran strongly in both sprints, recording 22.48 seconds in the longer event and 11.59 seconds in the 100 metres final, but had to settle for second in both events to another year-12, Sam Gordon (Bishop of Llandaff).

Two Bro Morgannwg year-13 students, pupils who have been wonderful points' gainers in schools' track and field competition over the last five years, were making their final appearance at this event.

Tom Perry wracked up 38 points in finishing sixth in the shot, third in the discus and fourth in the hammer, while Tieran Scott totalled 35 points through his eighth place in the discus, fifth in the hammer and third in the javelin.

Thank goodness girls from Bryn Hafren and Cowbridge took part. Without them, the number of competitors would have been depressingly small.

There were eight victories by Vale girls with the top spot possibly being shared by year-12 students Fiona Bray (Cowbridge) in the 3,000 metres (11:44.07) and Bethany Hawkins (Bro Morgannwg) with a triple jump best of 9.09 metres.

Cowbridge gained five more victories – three on the track through Katie Wynn (800), Nikita John (1,500) and Georgina Jackson (100 hurdles), and a jumps double courtesy of Rebecca Thomas (high jump) and Imogen Harrison (long jump).

With first places earning 17 points in the team competitions, those six individual wins were worth 102 points – and there was another 17 from the relay victory.

After her recent operation to solve a knee problem, it was good to see year-13 Ellie Carter (Bryn Hafren) in action.

Wisely, she restricted herself to throws events – and she won the shot – but the hope is, even

with the pressure of her A-levels, that as the summer progresses she will be able to run and jump as well.

In the team competitions, there was disappointment for the Cowbridge boys, who had to settle for second behind Cardiff High, but joy for the girls, who claimed their section ahead of Bryn Hafren.

Following this competition, team managers Dai Williams (Glantaf) and Sarah Moore (Willows) will be sitting down shortly to select the senior teams to compete for Cardiff and the Vale district at the Aviva Welsh Schools Nationals, to be held at Penlan, Brecon, on Saturday July 7. It is likely that a large number of the Vale athletes who appear in these results may be invited to compete.

## Results of Vale pupils:

**Senior boys:** 100: Ht 1(-1.2): 2 Anax da Silva (Card&Vale Coll) 11.67; 4 Adam Roscoe (Cow) 12.34; 5 Luke O'Sullivan (Barry Comp) 12.47; Ht 2(-0.2): 3 Joe Green (St Cyres) 12.11; Final(-1.1): 2 Anax da Silva (Card&Vale Coll) 11.59; 4 Joe Green (St Cyres) 12.17; 5 Adam Roscoe (Cow) 12.19.

200: 2 Anax da Silva (Card&Vale Coll) 22.48; 5 Jack Couch (St Cyres) 25.82; 6 Sam Roberts (Cow) 27.39.

800: 3 Jack Couch (St Cyres) 2:16.14; 6 Dillon Morgan (Cow) 2:25.73

1,500: 1 Matthew Edwards (Barry Comp) 4:06.26; 5 Tom Kamar (Cow) 6:08.61; 6 Lloyd Stock (Cow) 6:14.49

3,000: 3 James Freeman (Cow) 13:34.24

110H(2.0): 1 James Graves (Bro M) 20.17

2,000Sc: 2 Adam Roscoe (Cow) 08:48.9; 3 Tom Hillman (Bro M) 09:07.5

4x100: 2 Cowbridge 53.69

HJ: 2 Harry Trotman (Cow) 1.60; 4 James Graves (Bro M) 1.50

LJ: 5 Adam Roscoe (Cow) 4.97; 7 Luke O'Sullivan (Barry Comp) 4.86; 10 James Freeman (Cow) 4.38

TJ: 1 Joe Green (St Cyres) 12.39; 6 Harry Trotman (Cow) 10.1

SP: 5 Dillon Morgan (Cow) 9.65; 6 Tom Perry (Bro M) 9.44; 7 Gus Rees-McPherson (Cow) 9.43; 9 Sam Bowditch (Barry Comp) 8.28

DT: 3 Tom Perry (Bro M) 30.45; 4 Bradley Cole (Card&Vale Coll) 28.56; 8 Tieran Scott (Bro M) 22.14; 9 Dillon Morgan (Cow) 21.08; 11 Tom Cunnington (Cow) 18.47; 12 Sam Bowditch (Barry Comp) 16.06

HT: 1 Bradley Cole (Card&Vale Coll) 50.52; 4 Tom Perry (Bro M) 25.08; 5 Tieran Scott (Bro M) 20.80; 6 Gus Rees-McPherson (Cow)

19.10; 7 Lloyd Stock (Cow) 12.80

JT: 1 Bradley Cole (Card&Vale Coll) 50.26; 3 Tieran Scott (Bro M) 40.96; 4 Sam Roberts (Cow) 40.39; 5 Kieran Carpenter (Bro M) 33.52; 10 Tom Cunnington (Cow) 18.54

Team: 2 Cowbridge 228; 4th Bro Morgannwg 135; 5th Cardiff & Vale College 78; 7th St Cyres 56; 8th Barry Comprehensive 46.

**Senior girls:** 100(1.4): 2 Nikita John (Cow) 14.49

200(1.7): 3 Lauren McCarthy (St Cyres) 29.64; 4 Imogen Harrison (Cow) 30.39; 5 Sophie Lloyd (Cow) 30.67

800: 1 Katie Wynne (Cow) 3:28.70; 2 Sam Chambers (Bryn H) 3:35.20



Tom Perry contributed 38 points to the Bro Morgannwg team score with his performances in the throws.

Sophie Lloyd (Cow) 8.46

Team: 1 Cowbridge 279; 2nd Bryn Hafren 113; 5th St Cyres 29; 6th Bro Morgannwg 17; 7th= Cardiff & Vale College 15.

**PETER MORRIS**



James Graves (Bro Morgannwg 42) battles it out with Joe Bishop in the 100m hurdles. Photographs by Ian Dixon.



An encouraging early season win over 1500m for Matthew Edwards (Barry Comprehensive).



Second place on her debut over 400m hurdles for Chloe Phillips (Cardiff and Vale College).



Second place in the 100m and 200m on his senior debut for Anax da Silva.

## New Barry football team to honour memory of lost friend

**BY LEIGH GRUFFYDD SANDERS**

**WITH an annual football tournament in memory of a Barry man set to take place this Saturday (May 26), the family have received a further boost by the news that a football team has been set up to carry on the memory of their son.**

David 'Dinxsy' Coombs tragically died in 2003 aged just 19. Since then, parents Kim and Paul Coombs have staged an annual football tournament in his honour that has raised money for charity.

Mum Kim told The GEM: "David was a big football fan and we wanted to do something to keep him alive."

"The tournament gets bigger every year. Last year we had 26 teams and we do a fundraising thing on the side. Usually we raise about £500 but obviously we'd like that to be more."

"There will be raffles, refreshments and each player pays £1 to play. This year we will be giving the money to Cerebrus and Great Ormond Street."

"The winners and runners up get medals and the winners get a 'David's Boot' trophy, a golden left boot, as David was left handed and left footed."



The Coombs family with last year's finalists.



Friends and family turn out every year to honour David Dinxsy Coombs.

To keep the memory of David going further, and raise extra funds for charity, friends of the Barry boy have set up a football team using his initials – DPC United – to play in the Lazarou Leagues from next season. This weekend's tournament will be their first outing together.

Matthew Davie, a friend of David's and one of the team's founding members, told The GEM: "We were a close bunch of mates. I met David in secondary school and moved to the area he was from and it went from there."

And get involved they will, as Kim explains: "We are chuffed, over the

"There was a group of about 10 of us that were really close and used to do everything together."

"It will be an absolute honour for everyone in the squad to wear the shirt, even people who didn't know David know how much it means to us and are extremely proud to be part of such a great cause."

"We are happy to let his parents get involved as much as they want, everything we do for the club will be run past them first."

For more information, or to register interest, telephone Kim on 07973 565150.

moon, that his friends still talk about him as if he is still part of the crowd.

"He was a lovely kid and is still well thought of. We will be involved; I am going to be the treasurer."

The tournament is taking place at Buttrills Field, Barry, with registration at 10am (kick-off at 11am). Teams are seven-a-side, can be male, female or mixed, and competitors must be over 16 years old.

For more information, or to register interest, telephone Kim on 07973 565150.

## NEWS FROM CADOXTON SCHOOLS OF TAE KWON DO

## Success for talented students

ON Saturday, May 12, the Cadoxton Schools of Tae Kwon Do attended the second tournament of a series of four Welsh master tournaments.

The tournament began with the pattern section. In their respective categories, Cody Jacobsen took first place; Cian Allen, third; Cameron Williams, third; Evan Baron, second; Shannon Haysham, third; Emily Halford, third and Thomas Haysham, third.

In the advanced categories Bradley Halford was first and Morgan Harhy was third in the advanced weapons.

In continuous sparring, Cian Allen took second in advanced point sparring and third in intermediate point sparring, while Cameron Williams took first in the intermediate point sparring.

Star of the day was young Cody Jacobsen, who went on to take second in the beginner point sparring and second in the beginner continuous sparring.

Entering only his second tournament, Joel Wells came away with third in point sparring. Evan Baron had to work hard to come away with third in continuous sparring.



Once again, Ollie Tipples did not disappoint, taking second in continuous sparring. Jensen Rees was first in beginner point sparring and third in beginner continuous sparring. Showing all her skills, Shannon Haysham took first in point sparring and second in continuous sparring.

Once again, Jamie Halford dominated his categories, taking first in advanced continuous sparring and first in the advanced point sparring. Showing she has a bright future in Tae Kwon Do, Emily Halford came away with second place in both the beginner point and continuous sparring.

Having to compete against bigger opponents, Thomas Haysham

eventually took third in continuous sparring. Reliable Lucy Newman took second in both the advanced point and continuous sparring.

Moving up to the advanced sections, Matthew Bennett took first in point sparring and third in continuous sparring. Also dominating her categories, Morgane

Gomez Jones took first in both the advanced point and continuous sparring. Not to be upstaged by his brother, Bradley Halford took first in the advanced continuous sparring. Coming back from injury, Morgan Harhy took third in the advanced continuous sparring.

For further information and training times, telephone 01446 406372 or 07811 934079. RT

ABOVE: Jamie Halford, Emily Halford, Matthew Bennett, Morgane Gomez Jones, Bradley Halford, Morgan Harhy, Shannon Haysham, Cian Allen, Thomas Haysham, Lucy Newman, Jensen Rees, Joel Wells, Cody Jacobsen, Evan Baron, Cameron Williams, Ollie Tipples.

## Holton Primary try, try and try again!

THE Holton Primary School rugby team acquitted themselves superbly at the Cardiff Blues Tag Rugby tournament on Tuesday, May 15.

On a glorious day at the Cardiff Arms Park, Holton played five games against tough

opposition from across Cardiff and the Vale.

Despite little training and very little match experience, the team played some lovely attacking rugby, only losing one game.

The attitude and sportsmanship of the boys both on and off the pitch was a credit to the school. Well done Holton!

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## Bro Morgannwg's Cardiff &amp; Vale win



YSGOL Bro Morgannwg's year-9 team won the Cardiff and Vale Schools Football Cup 4-3 in the final against Whitchurch High School. Bro Morgannwg's goals were scored by Dafydd Smith (three) and Tom Edwards.

## YOUNGSTERS SHINE

DINAS Powys FC entered the NPL Challenge Cup at Gol Cardiff.

Playing in a strong group of five teams, Dinas came out on top; winning all four games, scoring 12 and conceding two.

As they moved in to the quarter-finals the games got harder but the Dinas side moved up through the gears, winning 4-0.

The semi-final was a tough match with the game being played at a high tempo. However, Steve Provis managed to pop up with the winning goal.

In the final, Dinas showed signs of tiredness as they fell behind early on; but Dave Penikett left his mark with a smashing tackle, showing the Dinas side were here to win.

Joe Briscoe then slotted home to

draw level.

As the Vale side pushed on they were awarded a penalty, Adam Fowler showed his composure firing home.

Dinas Powys then played out the final few minutes with a solid display of 'keep ball' to take the trophy.

The squad of Saunders, Penikett, Penikett, Fowler, Provis, Briscoe and Michael showed how to play total football and rounded off a great first season together.

These players all coach Dinas Wolves mini football team and have showed the lads throughout the year how to play and conduct themselves.

They are a credit to the mini section and Dinas Powys FC

Well done to all involved with all money raised going to Velindre Cancer Hospital.

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## Important information for existing and new council tenants

From April 2013 Housing Benefit Rules are changing for 'working age' tenants who live in Council and Housing Association properties. Please note, if you are of pension age this will not affect you.

Deductions will be made from Housing Benefit claim where a claimant is living in a property that is classed as too large for them. There will be a 14% deduction for one extra bedroom and a 25% deduction for two or more bedrooms.

To calculate room needs for a client, one bedroom is allowed for each of the following:

- every adult couple;
- any other adult aged over 18;
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- any two children regardless of sex aged under 10; or
- any other child.

Foster children are not included in the calculation.

## Examples

A single person (of working age) living in a two-bedroom property

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A couple (of working age) living in a three-bedroom property

The assessment of room need would be one bedroom, so a 25% deduction from their Housing Benefit would apply

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 Civic Offices Holton Road, Barry CF63 4RU or  
**Newydd Housing Association**  
 121 Broad Street, Barry CF62 7AL

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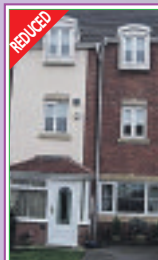
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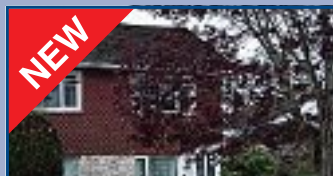
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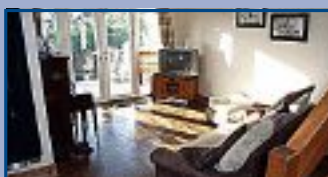
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### OSTERBERG

Peacefully, at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary (through lack of breath) on Friday, May 18, 2012 Ernest Raymond Osterberg (Ray), aged 95 years, beloved husband of the late Doreen Young, dearly loved dad of Karen, a dear father-in-law of Ross and loving granddad to Charley. Service to be held in Aberdeen. Donations if desired for Grampian Wildlife Rehabilitation Trust, C/O G Burgess & Son, Funeral Directors, Station Road, Ellon, AB41 9AR, 01358 720259

### MEREDITH

#### Michael

**Leo, Giles and Sarah would like to thank everyone for the affection and support you have shown since the death of our beloved Michael.** The love and regard in which he was held has been overwhelming and has given us strength during this sad time.

## Birthdays

### Pat Jamieson

*Hope you had a lovely birthday, all our love, your friends and family*

x x x



### Bill Robinson

**Happy 80th Birthday**

All our love from Diana, Mandy, Gaynor, Nathan, Tony and Tim. xxx



### Happy 21st Birthday

#### Peter Fordham

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### PARSONS (née James) Glenys

The family of Glenys Parsons of Southey Street, Barry, sadly announce her peaceful passing on Sunday, 20th May at Llandough Hospital. Funeral Service 11am on Friday, 1st June at AG Adams, Barry.

### UNDERWOOD

#### Vivian Charles 'Charlie'

19-11-20 - 19-5-12

Sadly, we have to announce the death of our father, who passed away on May 19, 2012 at College Fields Nursing Home, Barry. Formerly of Barry and Llantwit Major.

A loving husband to the late Rona, loving father to Ann, Gail and Susan. Wonderful father-in-law, a devoted grandfather and great grandfather. Although our father was only in the nursing home for a few days, we would like to thank Rachel, Ann and all the staff for the dignity, respect and wonderful care they gave.

Resting at WA Brown & Son, Pembroke House, College Street, Llantwit Major, until the service at the Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, Methodist Lane, Llantwit Major on Wednesday May 30 at 11am, followed by interment at Boverton Cemetery.

Family flowers only please, if wished donations for Velindre Hospital (cheques only, please) may be sent or given to the funeral director.

### SCOUSE Norman

Peacefully on the 17th May 2012, Norman of Llantwit Major. Dearly loved husband of the late Joan and father of Elizabeth. Resting at W.A. Brown & Son, College St, Llantwit Major until the funeral service in Coychurch Crematorium on Monday 28th May at 2.45pm. Family flowers only, but donations may be made to Llantwit Major Bowls Club c/o the Funeral Director (cheques only please)

### WILLIAMS Islwyn George

Glenys and family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to all those who have been there for us during what has been a very sad and difficult time.

The support and care of all the medical and nursing staff, particularly those from the Cowbridge Health Centre, have been both welcomed and appreciated by us all, as have the countless offers and demonstrations of help and support from our many friends and neighbours. It is a comfort to know that we live among such kind and generous people.

Like the memory of our dearly departed husband and father, Islwyn, your efforts will never be forgotten.

### SYGROVE Stephen (Stevie)

Stephen (Stevie), aged two years and two months, died unexpectedly in his sleep, at home in Aberthyn, Cowbridge on 10th May. We have been fortunate to have had Stephen in our lives for the past 15 months. He has brought us Joy, sunshine and laughter, every single day. We have been truly Blessed for the happiness he brought us. Mark, Sandra and Stevie's sister Amy, send thanks to friends and neighbours, all at Holy Cross Church, the Police, Paramedics and especially to everyone at Pathway Care for their support and encouragement at this very sad time.

The funeral will be held at St. Pauls Church, Grangetown, Cardiff on Tuesday May 29th at 10.15am followed by interment at Thornhill cemetery.

Stephen will be missed by us all, always.

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Keith Morgan, Sian & Jason Yates

### THANK YOU ALL

Following the funeral of **Susan Morgan (Sue)**

we would like to thank so many for their support over the past few weeks and particularly on the 15th May, 2012.

Everyone who sent messages of support, cards, flowers, letters and visited the house have really helped us at this very difficult and sad time; people have been great.

Rev David Boulton and Sam Smith were marvellous at Holy Cross Church, while Natalie and the staff at Quarter Penny Restaurant provided refreshments of the highest quality on the day.

# The Plod is just a run in the park!

## PHOTOGRAPHS by GLYN EVANS

Other pictures are  
available from this event.

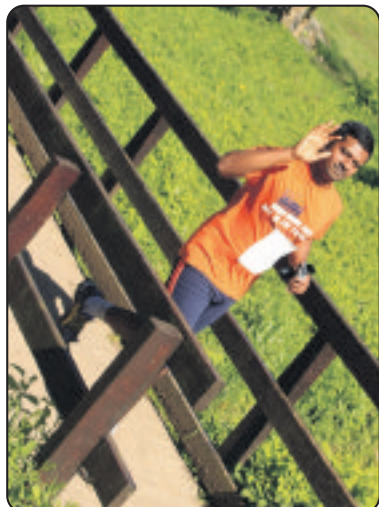
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THE recent Porthkerry Plod proved that the event is now a valued fixture on the running calendar.

Organised by the Penarth & Dinas Runners club, it attracted athletes from a wide area, now that word has spread about the attractions of the course laid out in the popular country park.



## WHITMORE BAY CLUB THANKS SUPPORTERS



WHITMORE Bay Surf Life Saving Club is getting a new season off to a great start with the support and help of Dow Corning.

The chemical works have supported the club by

donating four new rescue training boards, which are very much appreciated and are in full use.

A club spokesman added: "All at Whitmore Bay would like to thank Julian Ings of Griffiths Ings Solicitors, who have been amazing with their continued support and help."

## Rhose under-12s team is on the look-out for new recruits

Next year's Rhose under-12s and their coaches.



RHOOSE FC under-11s, after a satisfactory campaign, are now looking forward to more success when they move into the under-12s league next season.

Their coach, Ian Solomon, who has successfully coached at this level for more than 11 years, has brought in two young coaches to assist.

Jake Birkenhead and Luke Windsor, both just 17 years of age, must be among the youngest coaches in the Vale.

Also in readiness for next season, the team is looking for new players to augment the current squad.

If any player aged 11 and under 12 before September 1 (year-7) living anywhere in the Vale is interested, telephone 01446 710667.

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## Busy times for gymnasts

THE end of April saw children at Vale Gymnastics undertaking their latest set of assessments for the VG Award Scheme, which is designed to help children improve their gymnastics skills and gain recognition for doing so.

Children aged four to 11 worked through a list of challenging targets to try and achieve their bronze, silver and gold awards.

The coaches at the club were extremely impressed with all the children, who are progressing at a tremendous rate, and this latest set of assessments has seen the highest percentage of gymnasts achieving their bronze awards.

A number of talented children have also received their silver awards and it looks very likely that the club will be giving out gold awards at the next assessment week in June.

The award scheme has been running since last summer and already more than 100 Vale children have received recognition for their hard work and impressive gymnastic ability – well done to everyone!

Meanwhile, the competition squads are working very hard in preparation for their performance at the National Eisteddfod in August, followed by the competition circuit next year.

Everyone at the club would like to wish them the best of luck!

## Rhose under-13s tame Lions

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|----------------------|---|
| Rhose under-13s      | 3 |
| Park Lions under-13s | 0 |

RHOOSE passed the ball with the confidence and took the lead when Daniel Cope let fly with a great strike after being set up by some impressive play involving Harry Morgan-Grant and Edward Thomas.

Both teams looked to attack at every opportunity and Rhose keeper Matt Cottingham made some outstanding saves.

Rhose scored a second when Patrick O'Carroll made a terrific interception and fed Mitch McCabe, who used his pace to create an opening for Josh Brown, who calmly slotted the ball

home.

Park Lions came back strong and would have scored but for some last ditch defending by Ryan Hughes.

Lee Bartlett and Jay Coles were solid in the middle of the park and Rhose were unlucky not to increase their lead when Joe Hopkins fed a great ball into the path of Jordan Holt, whose strike narrowly missed the target.

Rhose completed a tremendous performance when defender Dylan White ran almost the length of the pitch before playing in striker Cameron Leach, who passed the ball into the net.

MB

## WOLVES SHOW THEIR SKILLS

FIVE boys from Dinas Powys Wolves under-9s represented Mike Fowler's elite squad recently against Hereford FC academy, with coach Lee Saunders.

The boys showed off their skills at Edgar Street, and it was a very exciting evening for the players, who have never played on a professional ground against strong opposition before.

Each child really enjoyed themselves and they are looking forward to doing it all again soon.

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**UNDER-13 TEAM SEEKS PLAYERS**

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# First team slip to first loss of the new season

**SULLY Centurions' First XI suffered their first league defeat of the season - going down by 76 runs at Port Talbot.**

The hosts batted first and had Sean Griffiths (50) and Ian Thomas (128) to thank for a marvellous opening century partnership. After Griffiths was dismissed by Ryan Sylvester (LBW) Dan Cherry joined Thomas and enjoyed a stand of 70,

when Cherry was bowled by Mike O'Shea for 28.

The danger man Thomas was eventually out via a stumping by Charlie Lowen off Richard Ready, with the score on 235 for 3. Ryan Sylvester picked up a second wicket and Dan Rowe chipped in with another before Lloyd Smith ran out Cox and the innings closed on 257 for 6.

In reply Centurions lost openers Ryan Sylvester and Mike

O'Shea cheaply and were thankful for a stand of 87 between Charlie Lowen (28) and Adam Shanry (61) for the third wicket.

Richard Ready batted sensibly, but soon began running out of partners as Centurions' wickets kept falling. He was left high and dry on 39 not out when the final wicket fell at 181.

Jones, with 3 for 36 was the pick of the Port Talbot bowlers.

Port Talbot 257 for 6; Sully 181 all out.

**Jamie and Roger steer Centurions home**

The Second XI beat Port Talbot at Burnham Avenue. Jamie Sylvester (62) and Roger Clitheroe (54) showed their pedigree by dominating the visiting attack, putting on 88 for the first wicket.

But after they had returned to the pavilion, only Tom Edwards (14) got into double figures and Centurions lost wickets at regular intervals, eventually ending on exactly 200.

The Port Talbot wicket keeper, Lloyd Jones, was responsible for 3 stumpings while Samuel picked up three wickets for the visiting side.

After tea Phelps (44) and Samuel (19) shared a half century opening partnership and Tobin (29) and Evans (21) helped the cause.

However, Lloyd Bruce was the star of the show, taking five wickets for 26, as Port Talbot were all out for 146.

Sully 200/9 Port Talbot 146 all out.

**Cup victory in the sun**

On a sunny Sunday afternoon at Burnham Avenue Centurions beat Tata Steel to progress to the third

round of the Welsh Cup.

Ryan Sylvester and brother Jamie put on 42 for the first wicket, but when Jamie was out Gareth Davies and Richard Ready didn't hang around too long either. At 61 for 3 Roger Clitheroe joined Ryan and the pair put together a lively partnership of 83 before Ryan was out for an entertaining 87.

Roger then took the initiative, sharing a 50 partnership with Lloyd Smith (40) before the innings closed on 246 for 7, with Clitheroe on 66 not out.

The Tata Steel reply began reasonably well, with openers Jones and Reason both reaching 28. But accurate bowling from Jamie Sylvester (3-34) and Tom Evison (3-26) with one wicket each for Lloyd Bruce and Richard Ready reduced the visitors to 98 for 8.

As Centurion skipper Lloyd Smith rotated the bowling, there followed an incredible century stand for the ninth wicket between Matthew Saker (77) and David Jones (34) to give Tata Steel a very respectable 213 at the end.

Sully 246/7 Tata Steel 213/8.

**Defeat on the road for Third XI**

The Third XI travelled to Mountain Ash and were on the wrong end of a drubbing, while the

Fourth XI opened their season with a crushing defeat at Rhose against Caerphilly & Bedwas.

Batting first, Centurions lost Terry Sylvester and Steve Morse for ducks and were 2 for 2 in no time at all. Mark Burnett threw the bat at the ball in entertaining fashion and was top scorer on 19.

Iuan Ridout hit 10 and skipper Mick Fisher managed to find the boundary 3 times before being out for 13. Paul Harrison was left on 12 not out at the end, as Sully slumped to 77 all out.

The Caerphilly innings got off to a shaky start, with Lee and Rospin falling to the accurate bowling of Iuan Ridout. Skipper Petty (51) steadied the ship and, along with Owen (19) steered Caerphilly home with plenty of overs to spare.

For Sully, Luke Burnett bowled 10 overs for just 23 and Iuan Ridout was outstanding, taking 2 for 8 in 6 overs, with 4 maidens.

The game was played in a very good spirit and although beaten, Sully contributed to an exciting and enjoyable game of cricket.

Sully 77 all out Caerphilly & Bedwas 81/2.

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## Dinas Powys FC look back on season

**THE start of the season saw Geza Hajgato take over as first team manager but his reign was short-lived and after advertising the post it was decided to appoint senior player Mark Dunford as the new manager despite a number of other quality applications.**

Having played under a number of Welsh League managers this was Mark's first stab at management but his cause was greatly helped when Phil Clay stayed on as his assistant. Mark moved quickly to strengthen his management team by bringing in Matt Boyd-Anderson and Lee Moore as coaches.

As is usual in the close season, players left and new players joined with many of those coming from Senior League football, and maybe lacking Welsh League experience, and the start of the season was mixed. Towards Christmas performances improved if not results but an excellent 2-0 win at high flying Tata Steel in the last game of 2011 gave a glimpse of what was to come.

From January to the end of the season the first team improved from being in the bottom half of the league to finish in 5th place, winning 11 games, drawing 2, and losing just 2 games, taking 10 points from the top two promoted sides. This form would surely have meant an even higher position and maybe promotion if it had been sustained from the start of the season.

At the 40th club anniversary and presentation evening held at the Star Hotel organised by the Supporters' Club recently, the first team awards went to Liam Jeremy (Player's player and top scorer) and Richard Yarr (Manager's player).

The reserve team also improved greatly finishing in mid-table and from January to the end of season they won 7 games, drew 5 games, and lost just 3 games; managers Giles Simpson and Keith Williams chose Steve Johnson as their player of the year and the player's player of the year was Adam Daniel.

Dinas Powys under-19 youth side finished off the season with a 2-1 win against Ely Rangers, with goals from Dimitri Fallas and Joe Briscoe. The Dinas lads performed well for long periods during the season and secured some excellent

results including beating league champions Taffs Well 2-0 at home.

Again since January the youth won 9 games, drew 1 game and lost just 1 game and finished runners-up in the Welsh League Youth Division East, the highest position ever achieved by a Dinas Powys youth team and shows good development from last season's third place finish. A special mention goes to Rhys Davies, Joe Briscoe, Nicky Bruce and Dimitri Fallas who all have played first team football.

Manager's player of the year went to Dimitri Fallas, player's player of the year Connor Parsons, most improved player Mitchell Brownhill and golden boot Dimitri Fallas (20 goals).

Manager Darren George would like to thank Dumpa Waste for sponsoring the side's polo tops and Dan Jose and Chris Hopkins for their help during the season.

In summary it was an excellent season on the pitch from all three sides and we look forward to continuing next season and further success.

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## Barry boxer takes title

**BARRY boy Jason Sillet, boxing out of Splott ABC, became the Welsh ABA 54kg junior boxing champion on Monday, May 14, at a packed Aberavon Naval Club.**



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## Dow Corning's rugby reunion

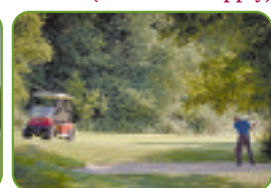
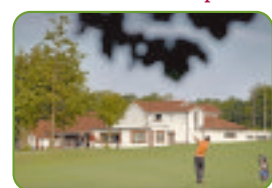
**DOW Corning RFC is holding a reunion on Friday, June 8 at 7pm in the King William Pub (The Billy), Cadoxton, Barry.**

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